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SONIC



THE HEDGEHOG



**THE GOOD
THE BAD AND
THE UNKNOWN
PART 3 OF 4**

BATTLE!

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NOW THE ROYAL THRONE ROOM.

YOUR HIGHNESS! PRINCESS SALLY!

WHAT IS IT, DYLAN?

HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY WORD FROM ROTOR OR THE OTHERS?

THAT'S JUST IT--

--WE LOST ALL CONNECTION ALMOST AN HOUR AGO!

THE LAST WORDS WE RECORDED BEFORE LOSING TRANSMISSION WERE SONIC SAYING--

"NEVER TELL ME THE ODDS!"

DYLAN, I NEED YOU TO BRING SONIC'S FATHER, JULES, TO THE ROYAL COURT IMMEDIATELY!

ANYTHING ELSE, PRINCESS SALLY?

"I GUESS PRAYING WOULDN'T HURT EITHER!?!!"

WHAT A PICKLE, TOMMY!

SONIC'S IN TROUBLE--

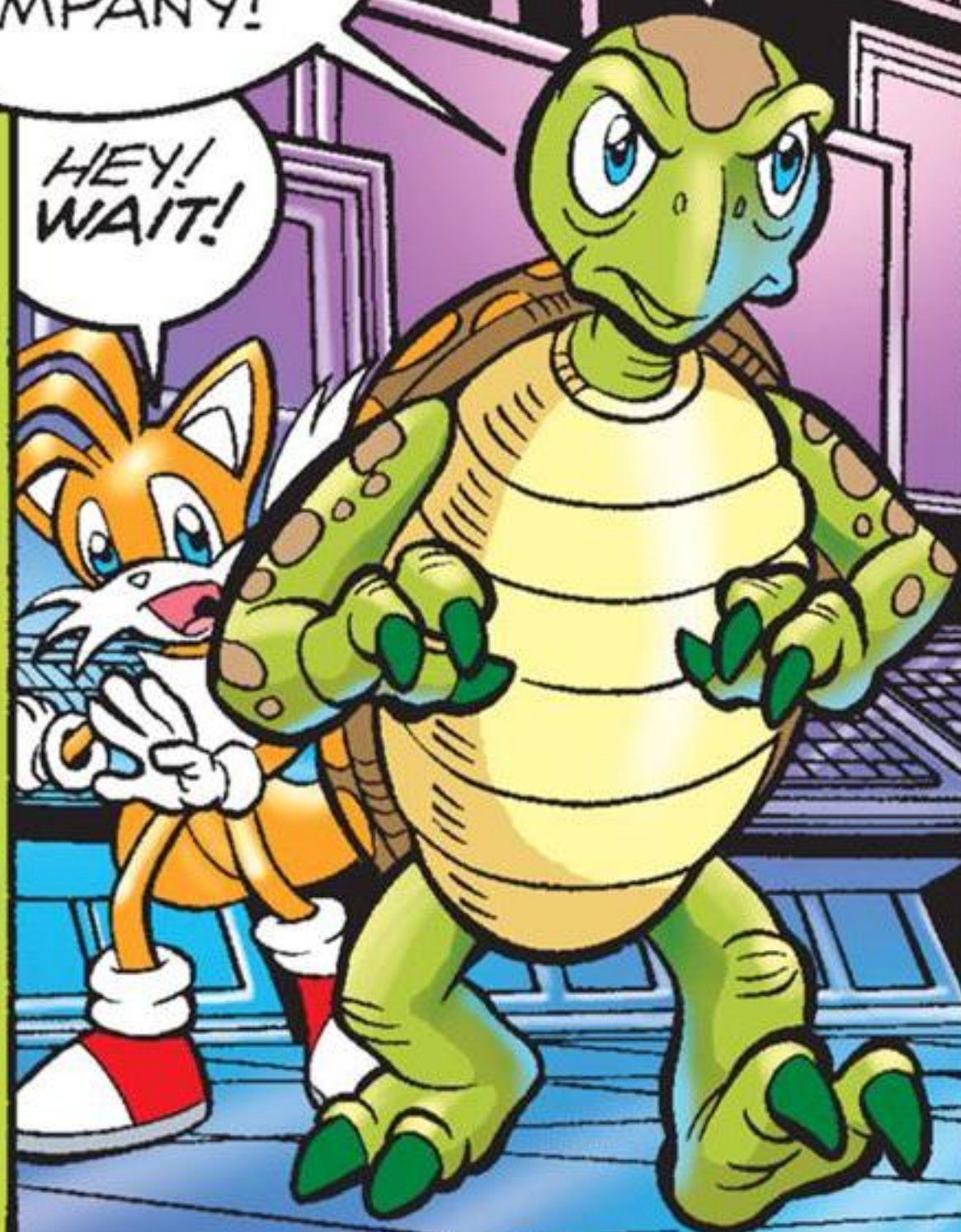
--BUT SO ARE ROTOR, FIONA, AND BUNNIE--

--AND IT'S HARD TO SAY WHO'S WORSE OFF!

YOU STAY HERE KEEPING EVERYTHING TOGETHER, MILES--

--WHILE I GO SEE WHAT I CAN DO FOR ROTOR AND COMPANY!

HEY!
WAIT!



AW,
RATS!



EVEN WITH THE **NEWCOMERS**, I'M **STILL** TREATED LIKE A **JUNIOR** MEMBER OF THE GROUP!

...SIGH...

WHILE HE DOES THAT, I GUESS I BETTER FIND OUT WHAT'S UP WITH...

SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UNKNOWN
Part 3: **GENESIS**



HAVING EXPERIENCED THE FLOOR COLLAPSE FROM UNDERNEATH HIM LAST ISSUE, SONIC NOW FINDS HIMSELF ON A SURFACE SEVERAL METERS DOWN, COLLECTING HIS BREATH...

OW! MY
BACK!

IF NOT FOR MY SPIN MOVES TO BREAK MY FALL, I'D REALLY BE IN A WORLD OF HURT!

SAY!
WHERE'S
SHADOW
AND THE
OTHER
PLAY-
MATES?

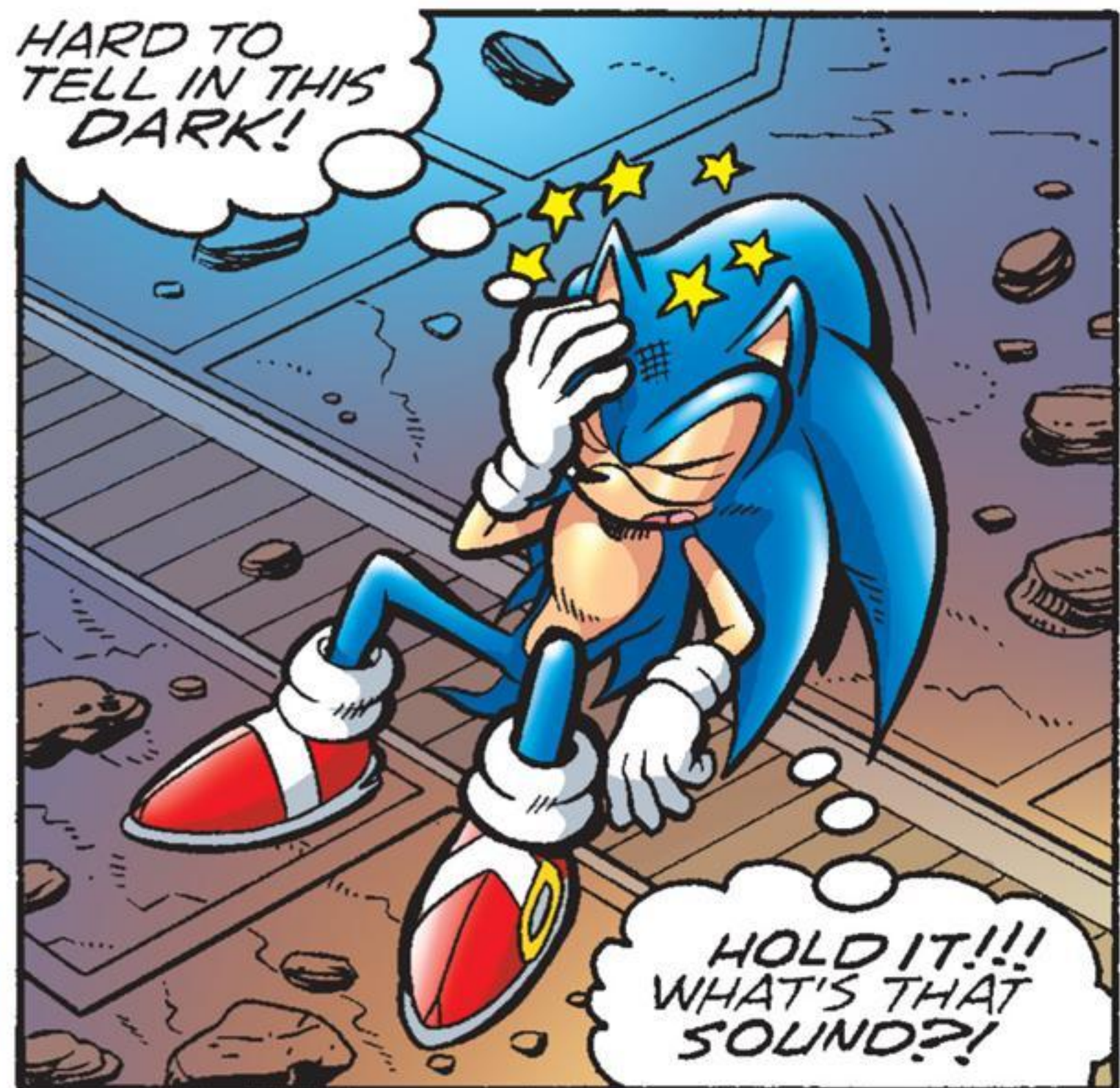
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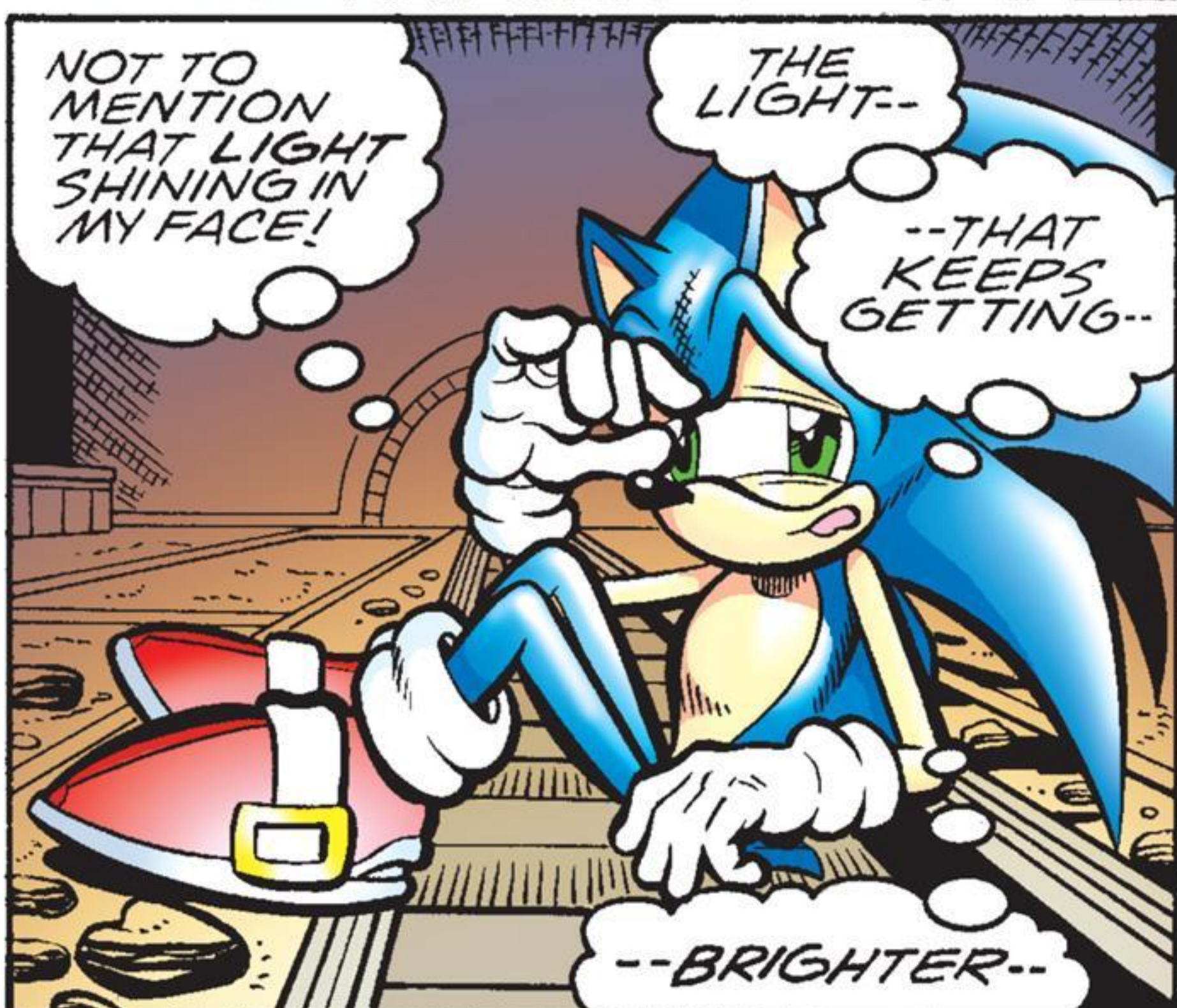
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HARD TO
TELL IN THIS
DARK!



HOLD IT!!!
WHAT'S THAT
SOUND?!

NOT TO
MENTION
THAT LIGHT
SHINING IN
MY FACE!

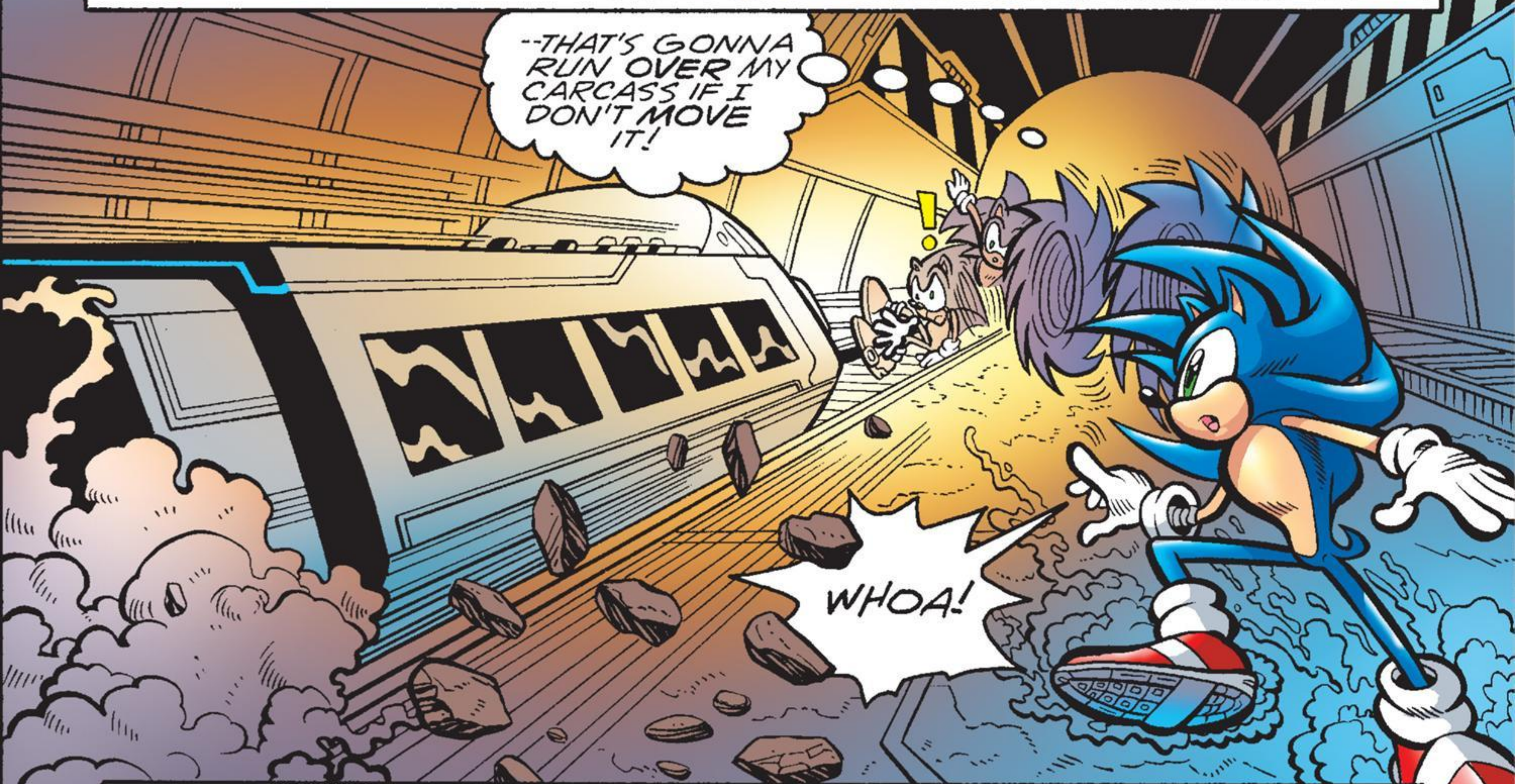


THE
LIGHT--

--THAT
KEEPS
GETTING--

--BRIGHTER--

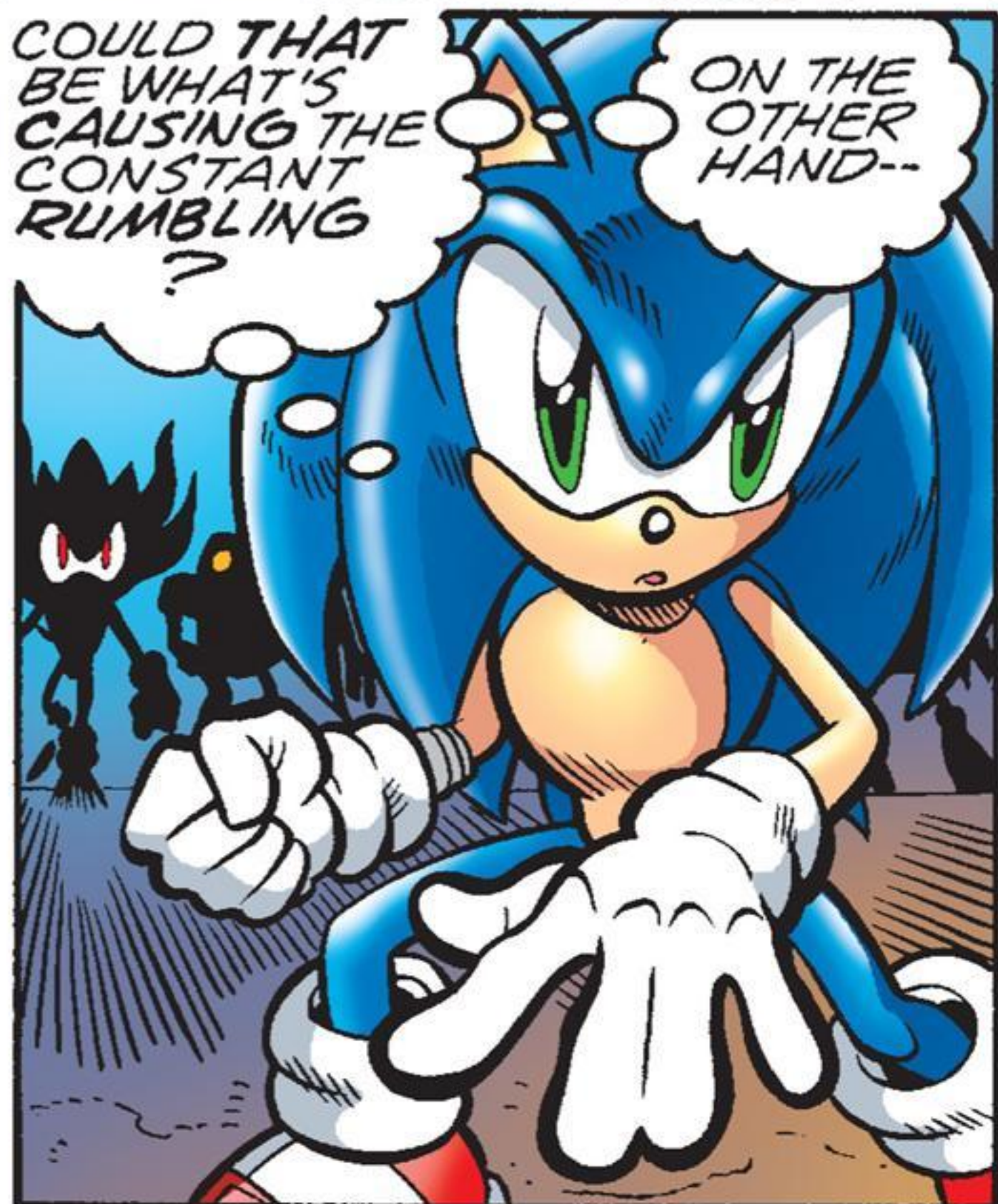
--THAT'S GONNA
RUN OVER MY
CARCASS IF I
DON'T MOVE
IT!



WHOA!

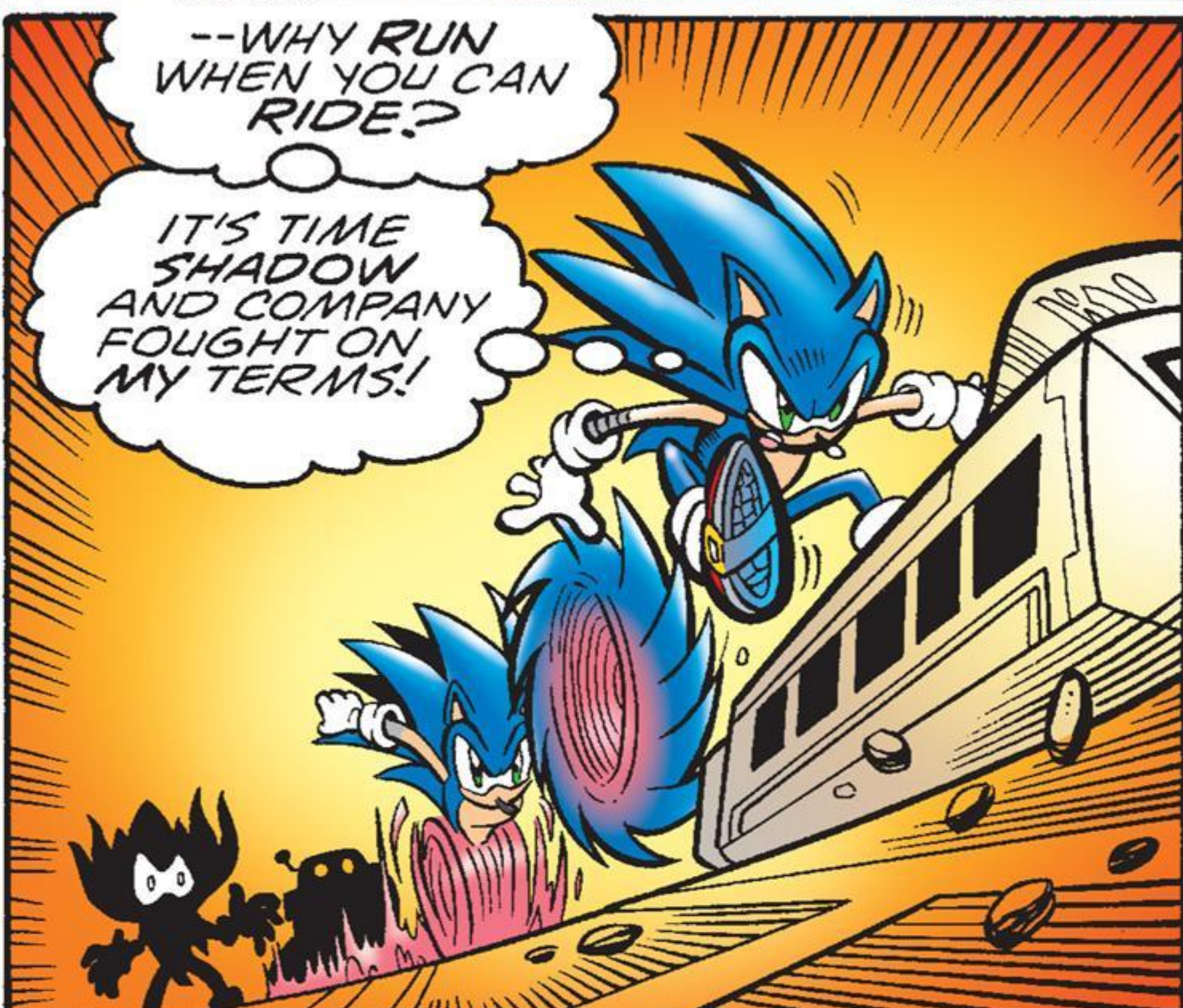
COULD THAT
BE WHAT'S
CAUSING THE
CONSTANT
RUMBLING
?

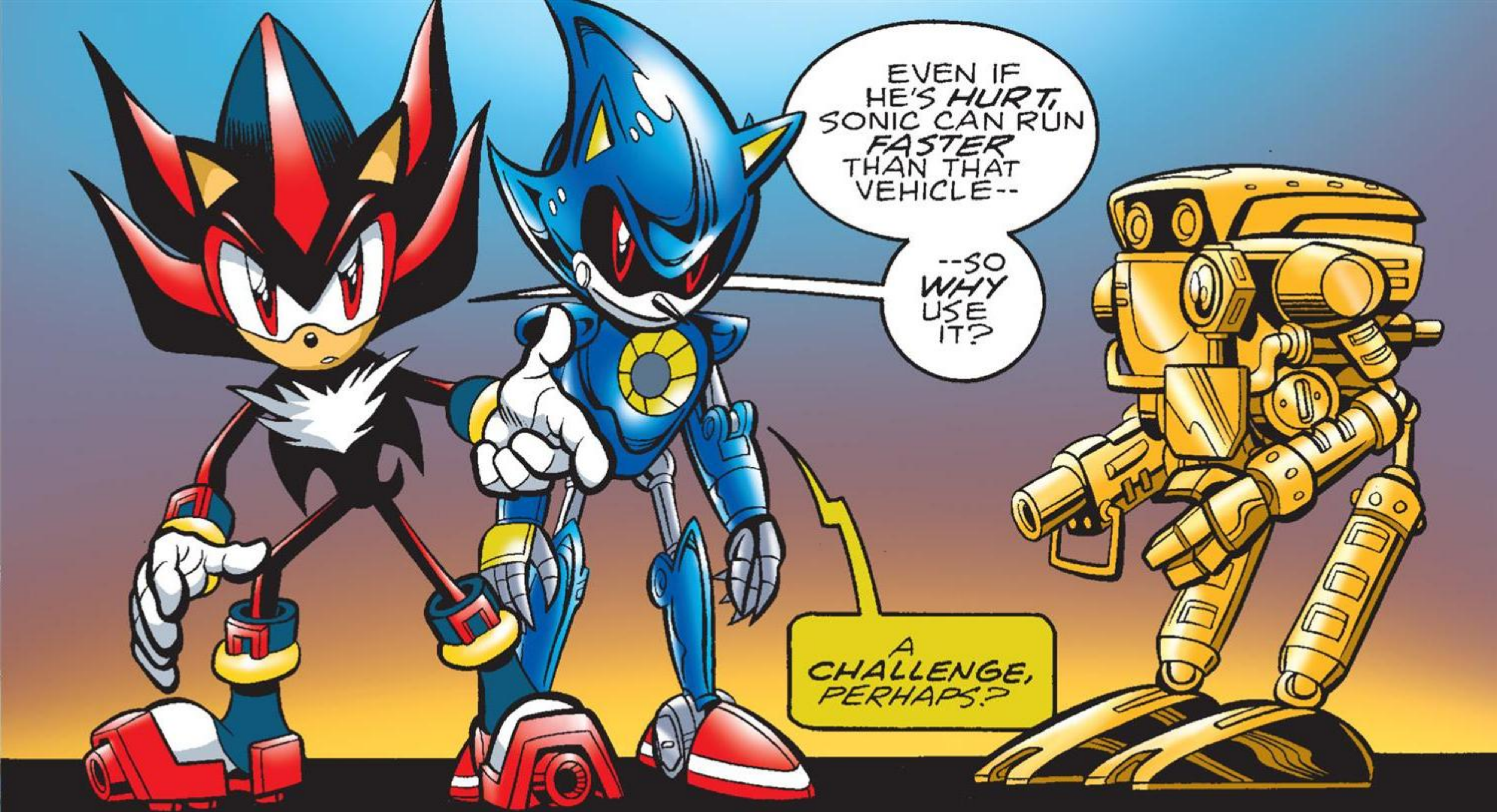
ON THE
OTHER
HAND--



--WHY RUN
WHEN YOU CAN
RIDE?!

IT'S TIME
SHADOW
AND COMPANY
FOUGHT ON
MY TERMS!

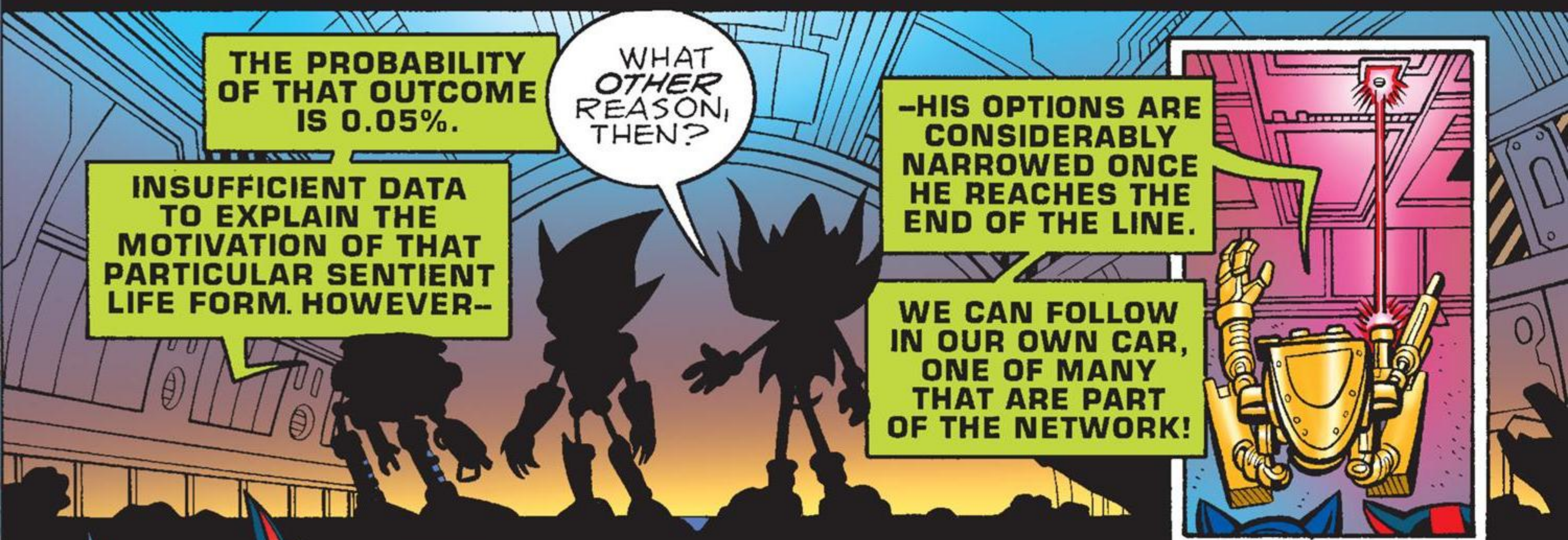




EVEN IF HE'S *HURT*, SONIC CAN RUN *FASTER* THAN THAT VEHICLE--

--SO *WHY* USE IT?

A *CHALLENGE*, PERHAPS?



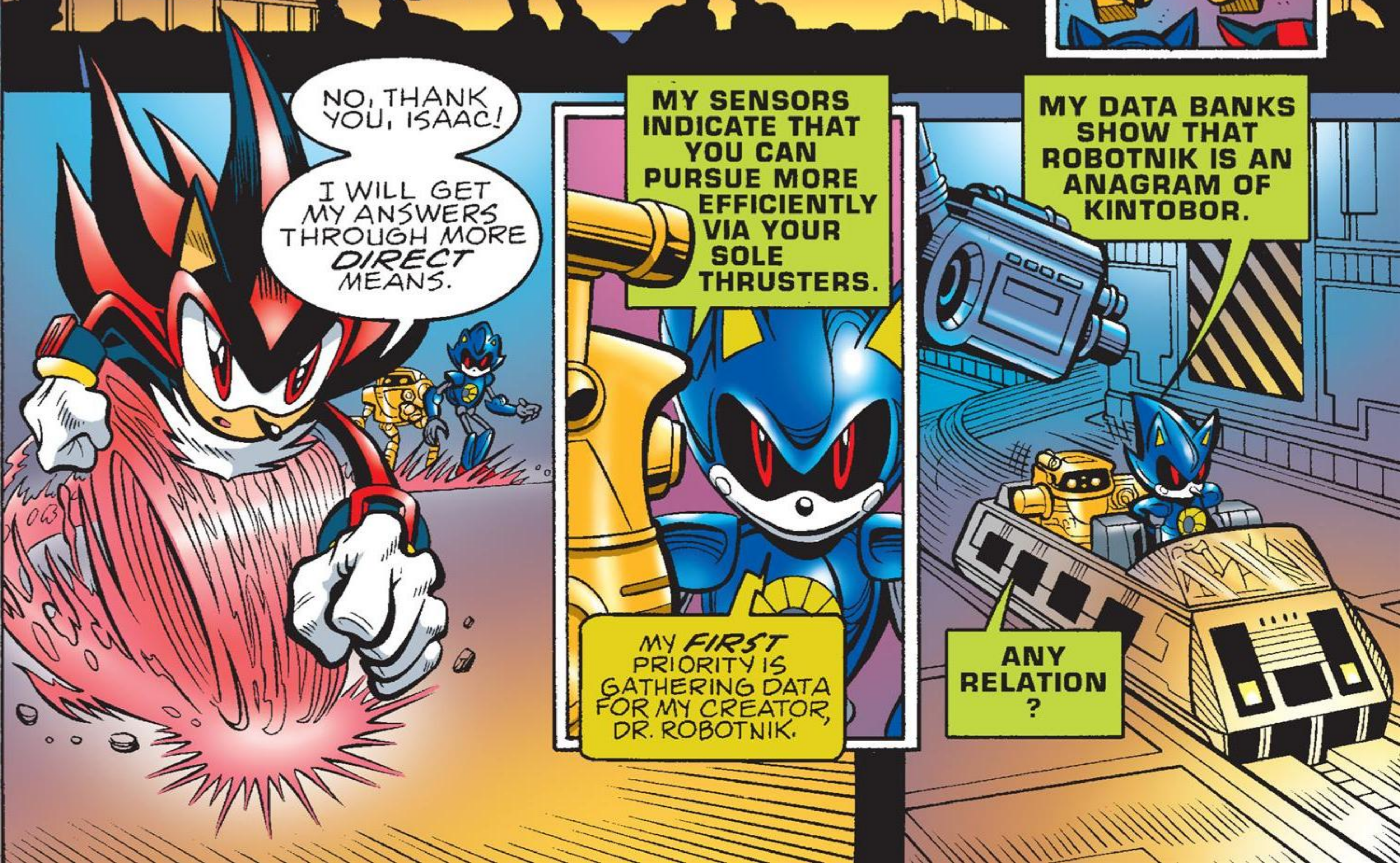
THE PROBABILITY OF THAT OUTCOME IS 0.05%.

INSUFFICIENT DATA TO EXPLAIN THE MOTIVATION OF THAT PARTICULAR SENTIENT LIFE FORM. HOWEVER--

WHAT *OTHER* REASON, THEN?

--HIS OPTIONS ARE CONSIDERABLY NARROWED ONCE HE REACHES THE END OF THE LINE.

WE CAN FOLLOW IN OUR OWN CAR, ONE OF MANY THAT ARE PART OF THE NETWORK!



NO, THANK YOU, ISAAC!

I WILL GET MY ANSWERS THROUGH MORE *DIRECT* MEANS.

MY SENSORS INDICATE THAT YOU CAN PURSUE MORE EFFICIENTLY VIA YOUR SOLE THRUSTERS.

MY DATA BANKS SHOW THAT ROBOTNIK IS AN ANAGRAM OF KINTO BOR.

MY *FIRST* PRIORITY IS GATHERING DATA FOR MY CREATOR, DR. ROBOTNIK.

ANY RELATION?



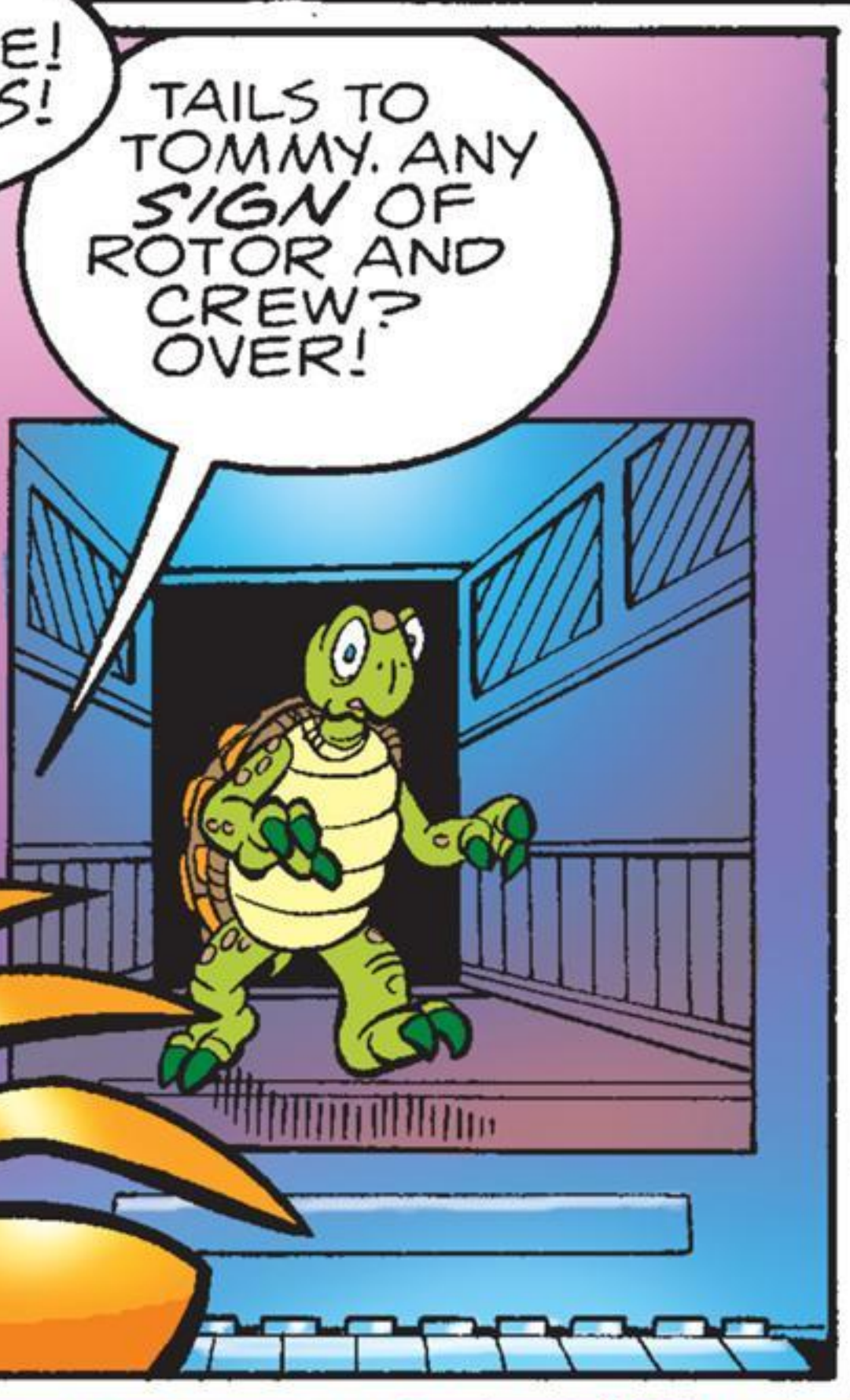
WE'VE GOT ANOTHER CAMERA ONLINE--

--BUT STILL NO SIGN OF SONIC--

--AND NO SIGN OF TOMMY WITH ROTOR, EITHER!



WAIT A MINUTE! THERE HE IS!



TAILS TO TOMMY. ANY SIGN OF ROTOR AND CREW? OVER!



YEAH! RIGHT UP AHEAD!

BUT I'M GOING TO NEED SOMETHING NON-CONDUCTIVE TO BREAK THE CONNECTION--

OTHERWISE, I'LL BE JOINING THE CLUB!

MAYBE I CAN FIND WHAT I NEED IN HERE!

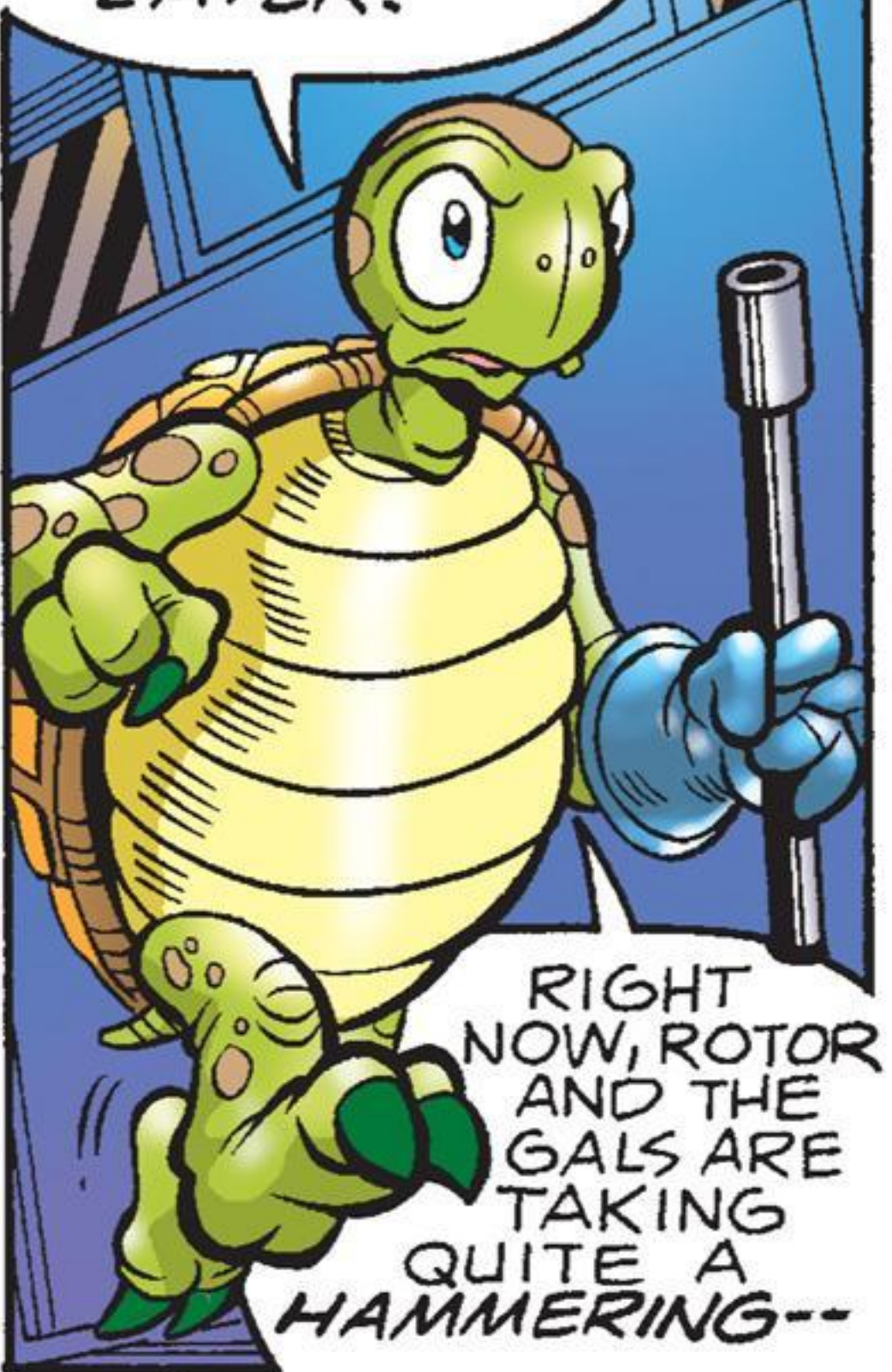


THIS LEATHER GLOVE WILL DO NICELY!

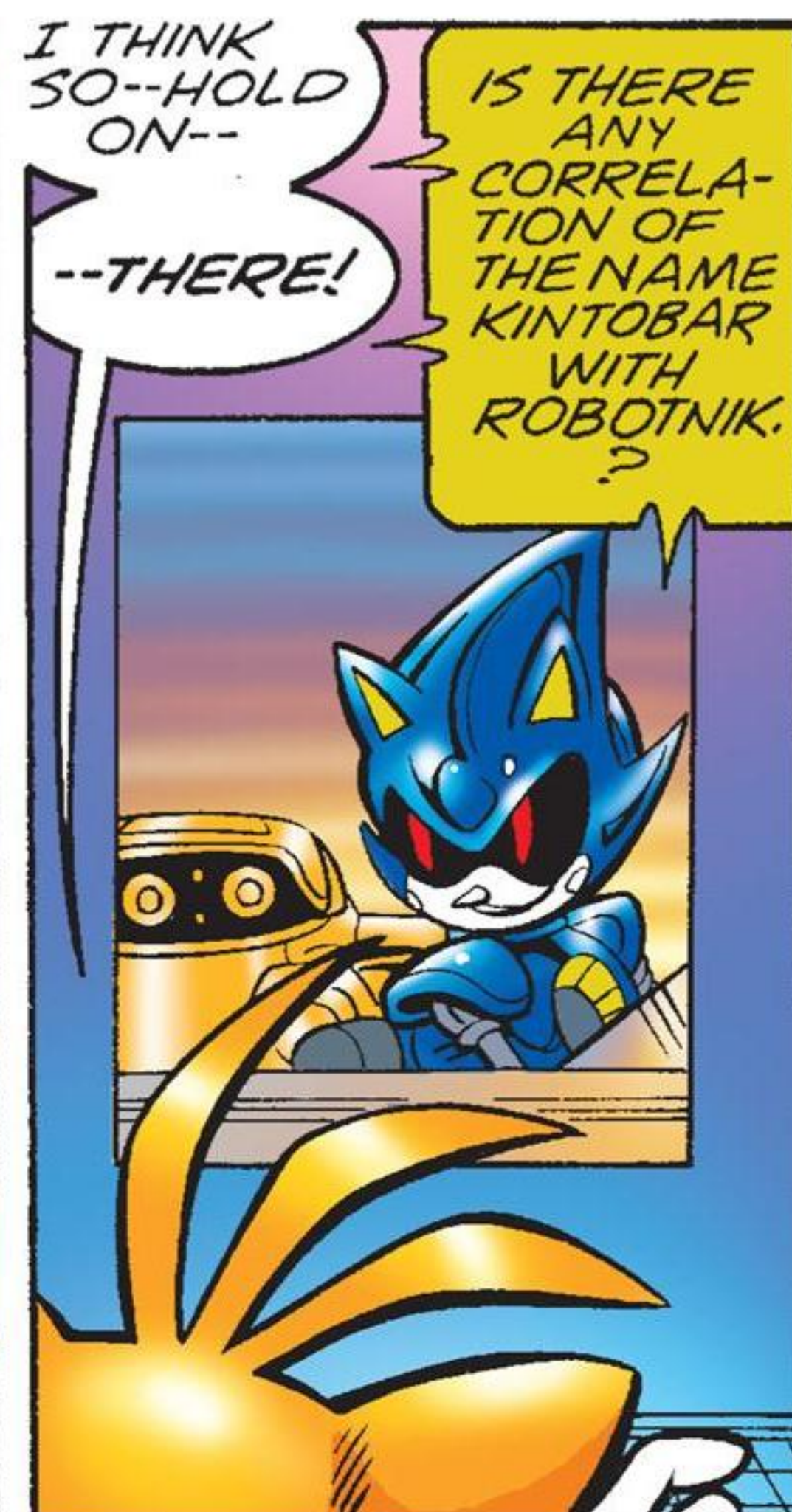
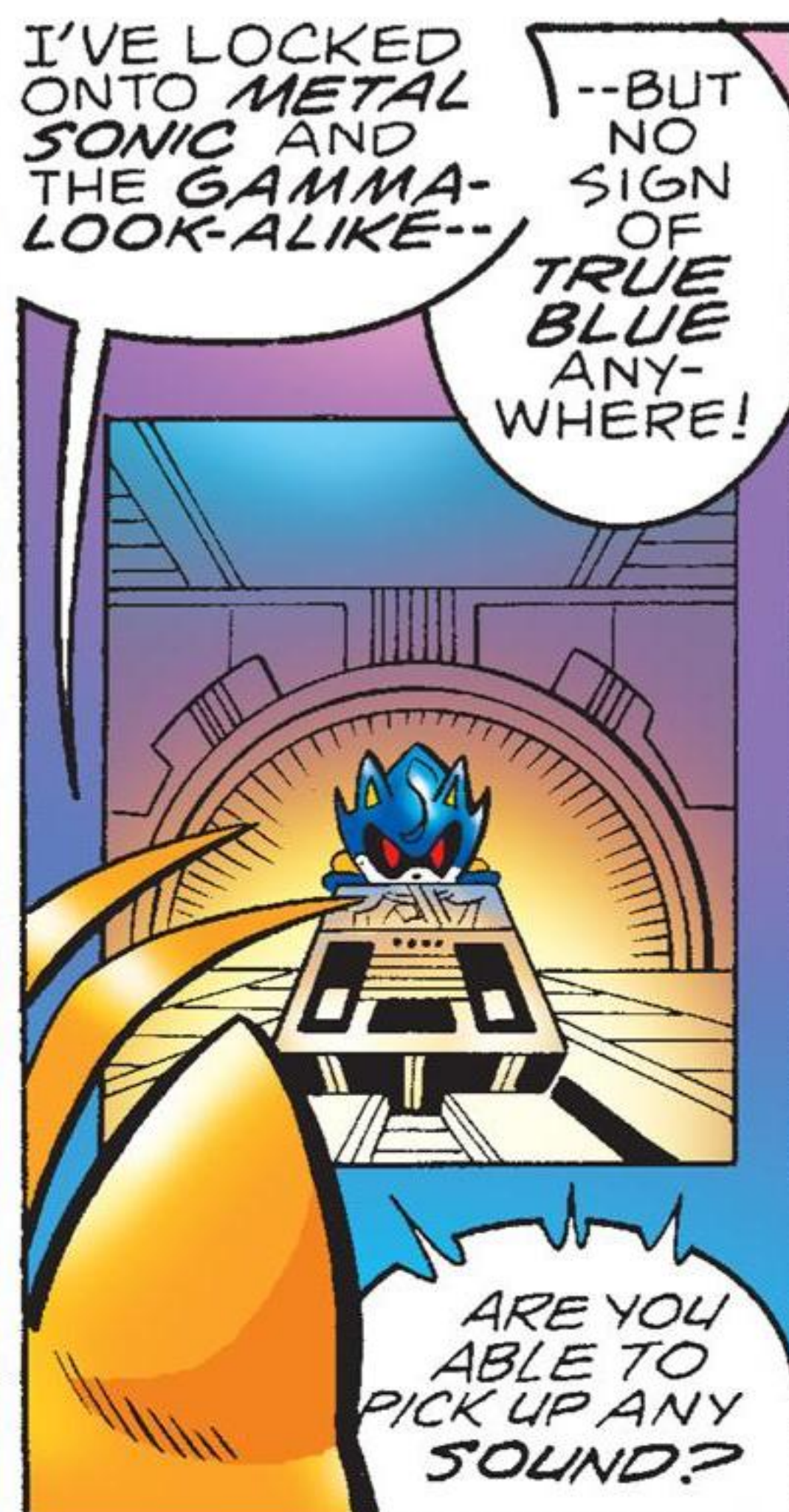
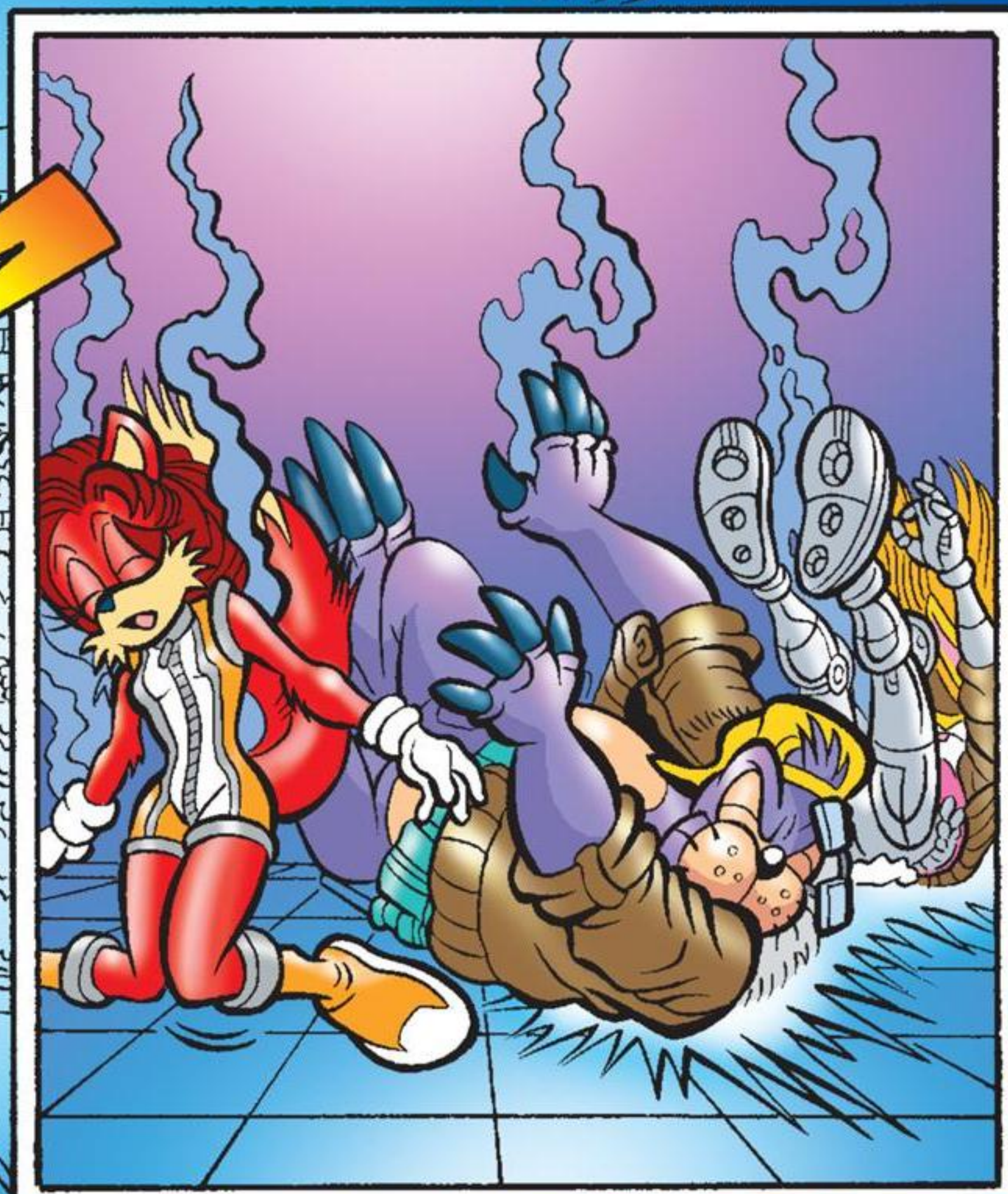
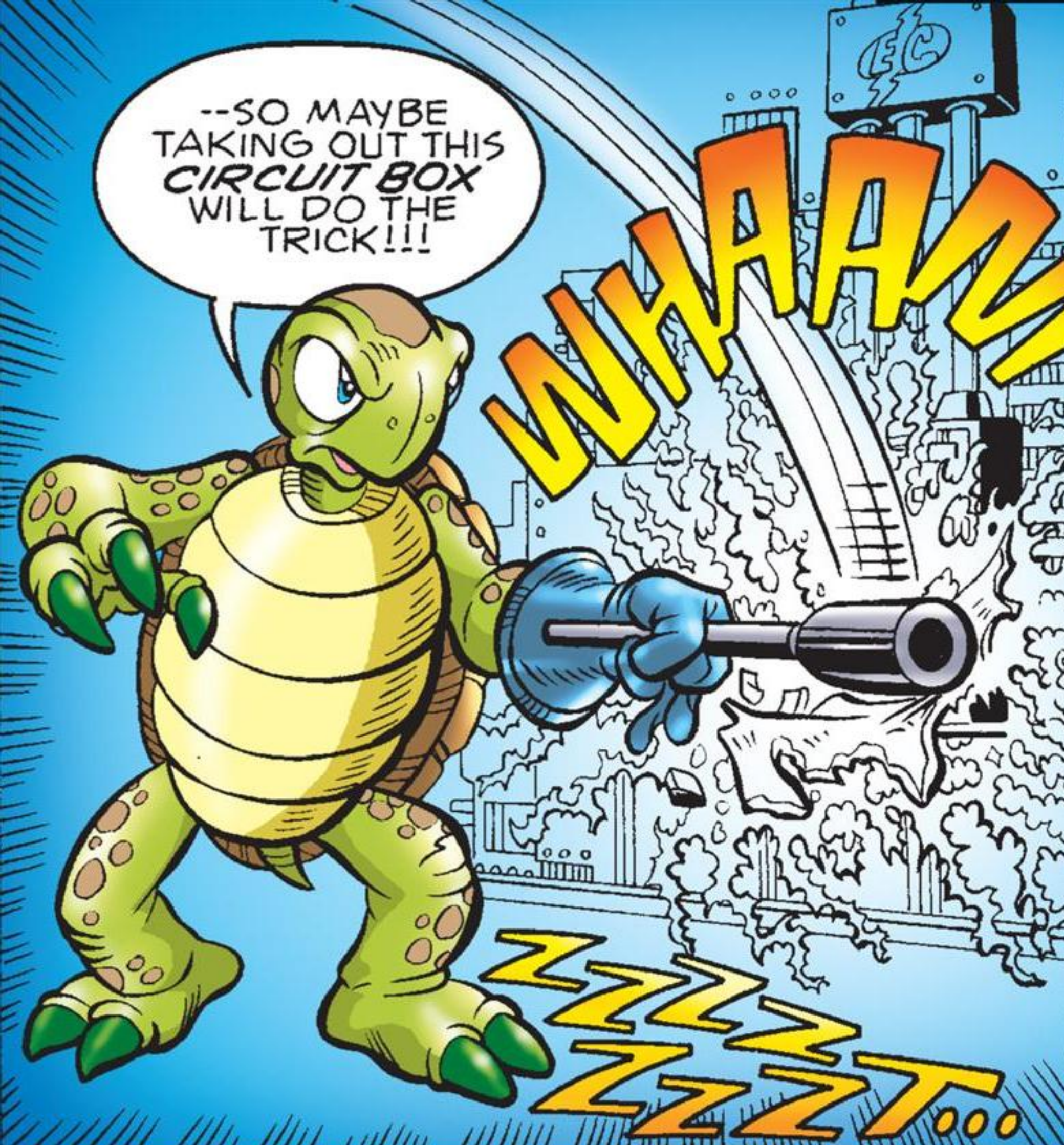
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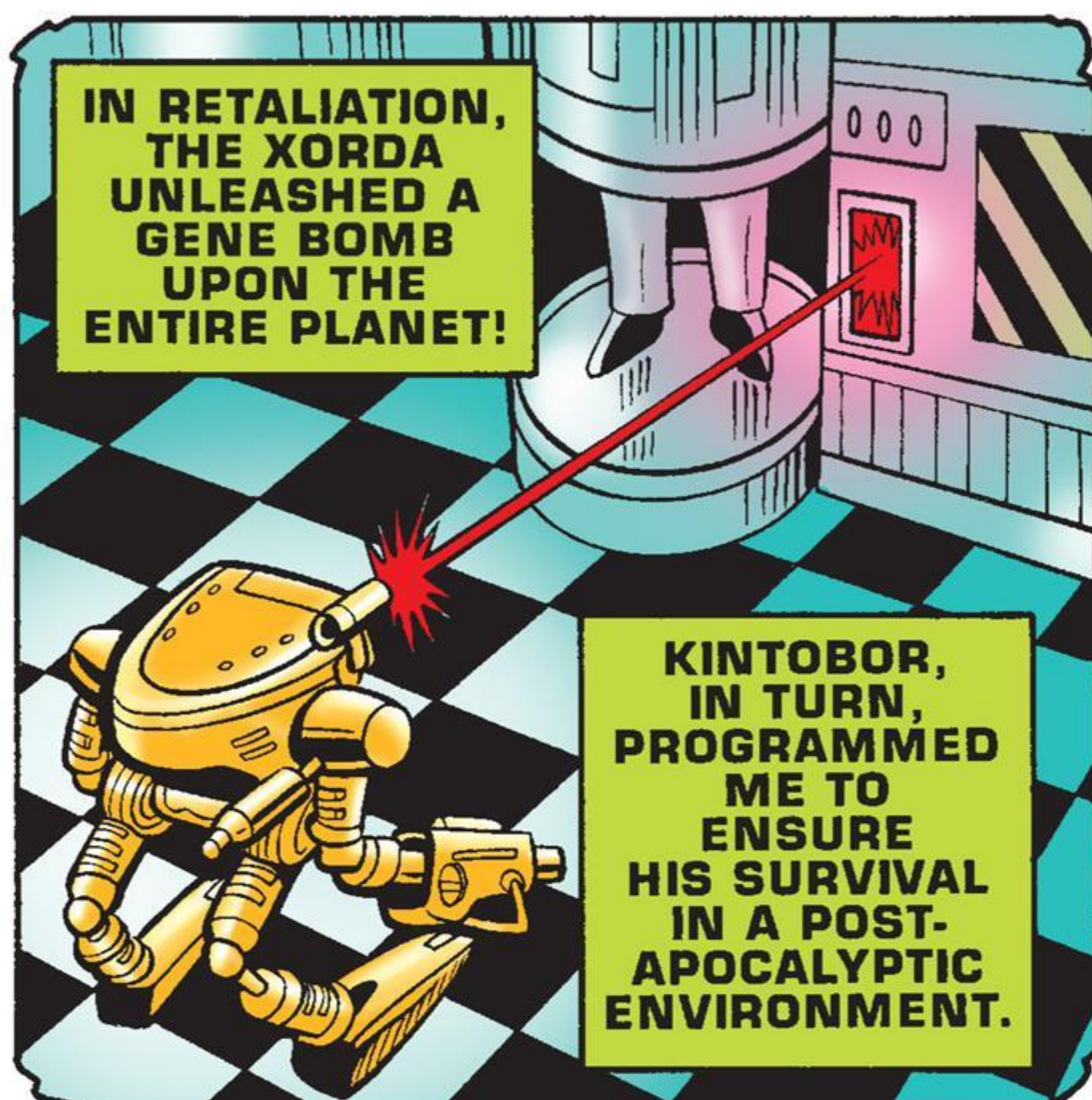
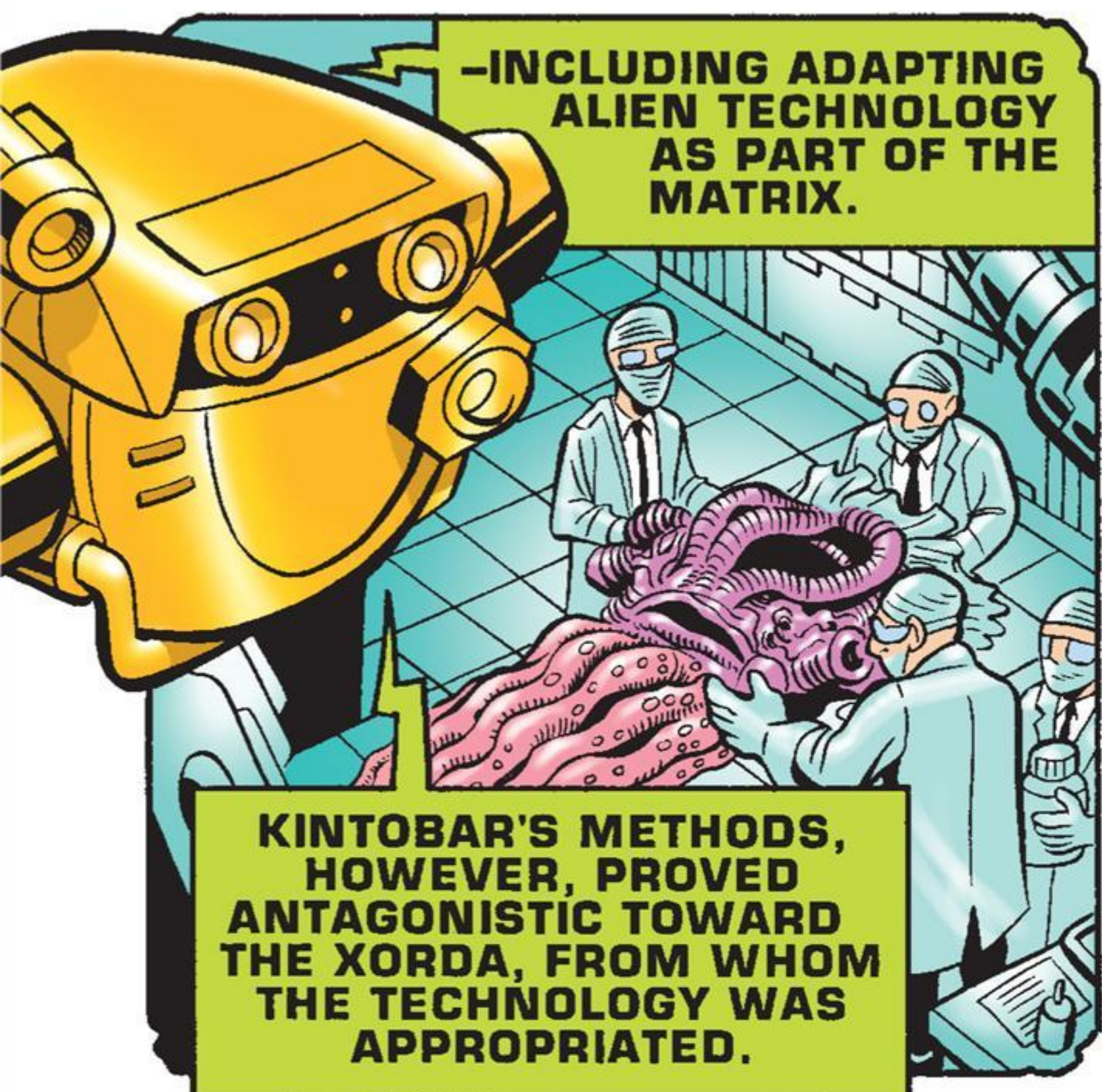
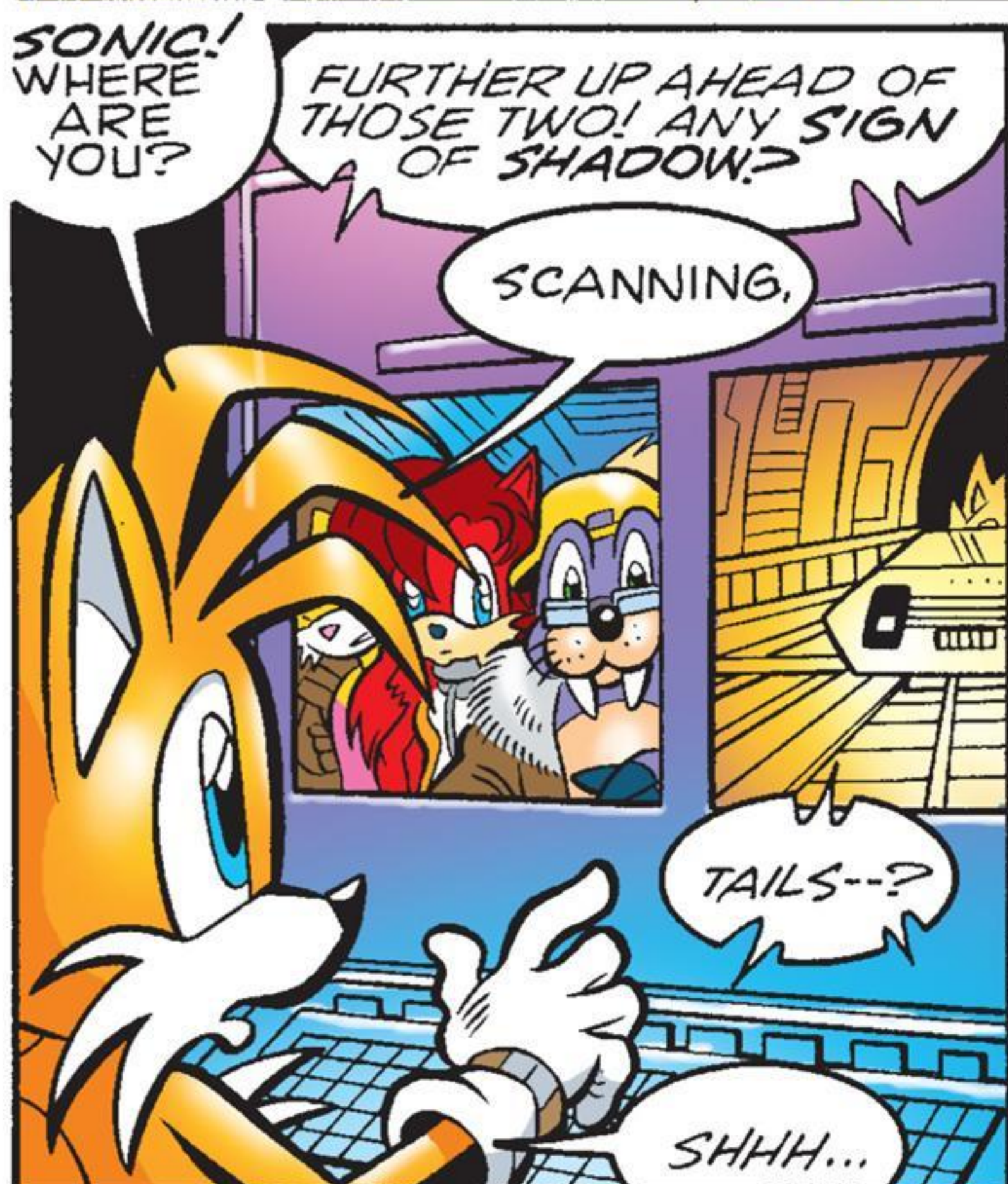
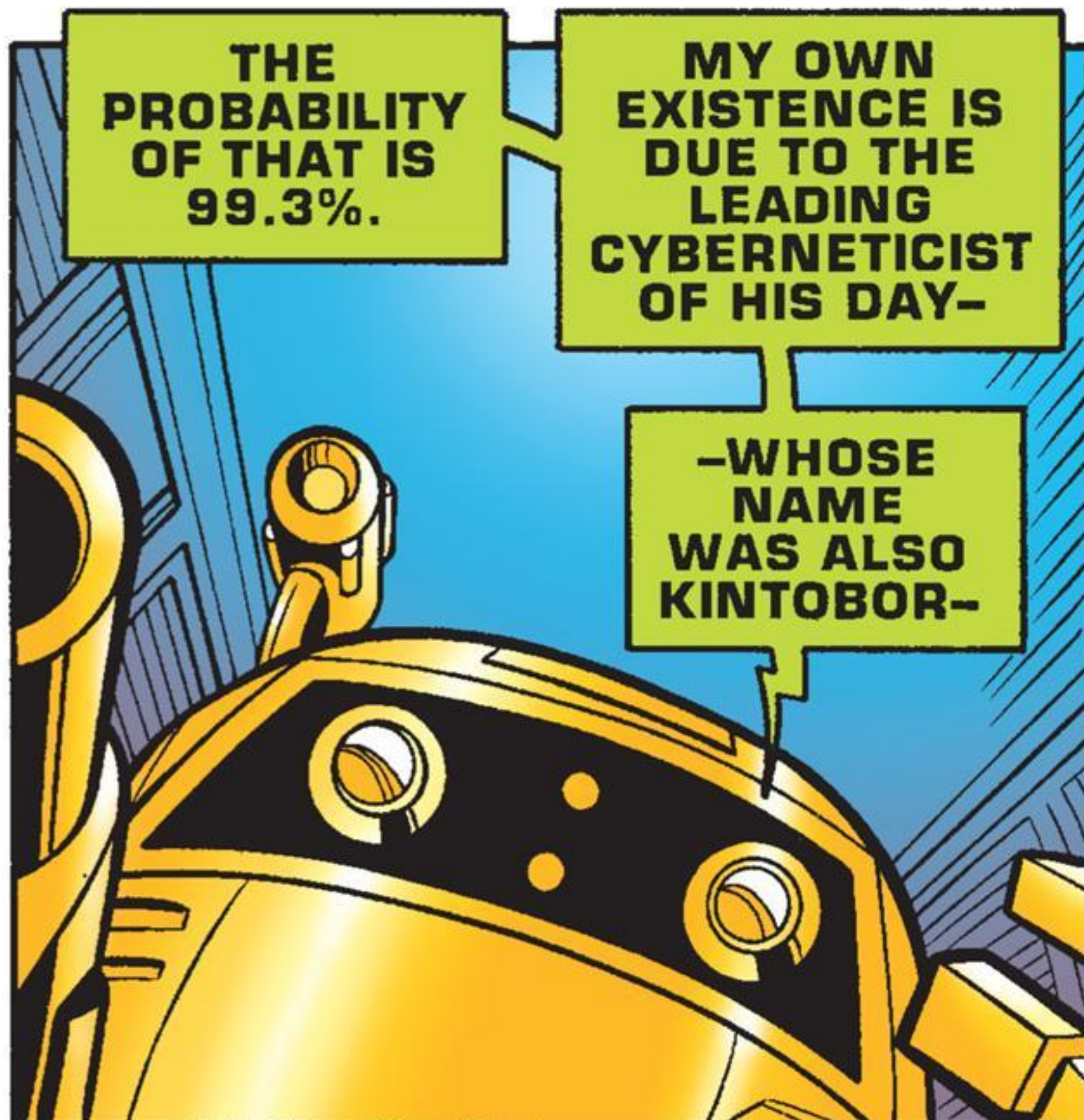


A THOUGHT BEST REVISITED LATER!

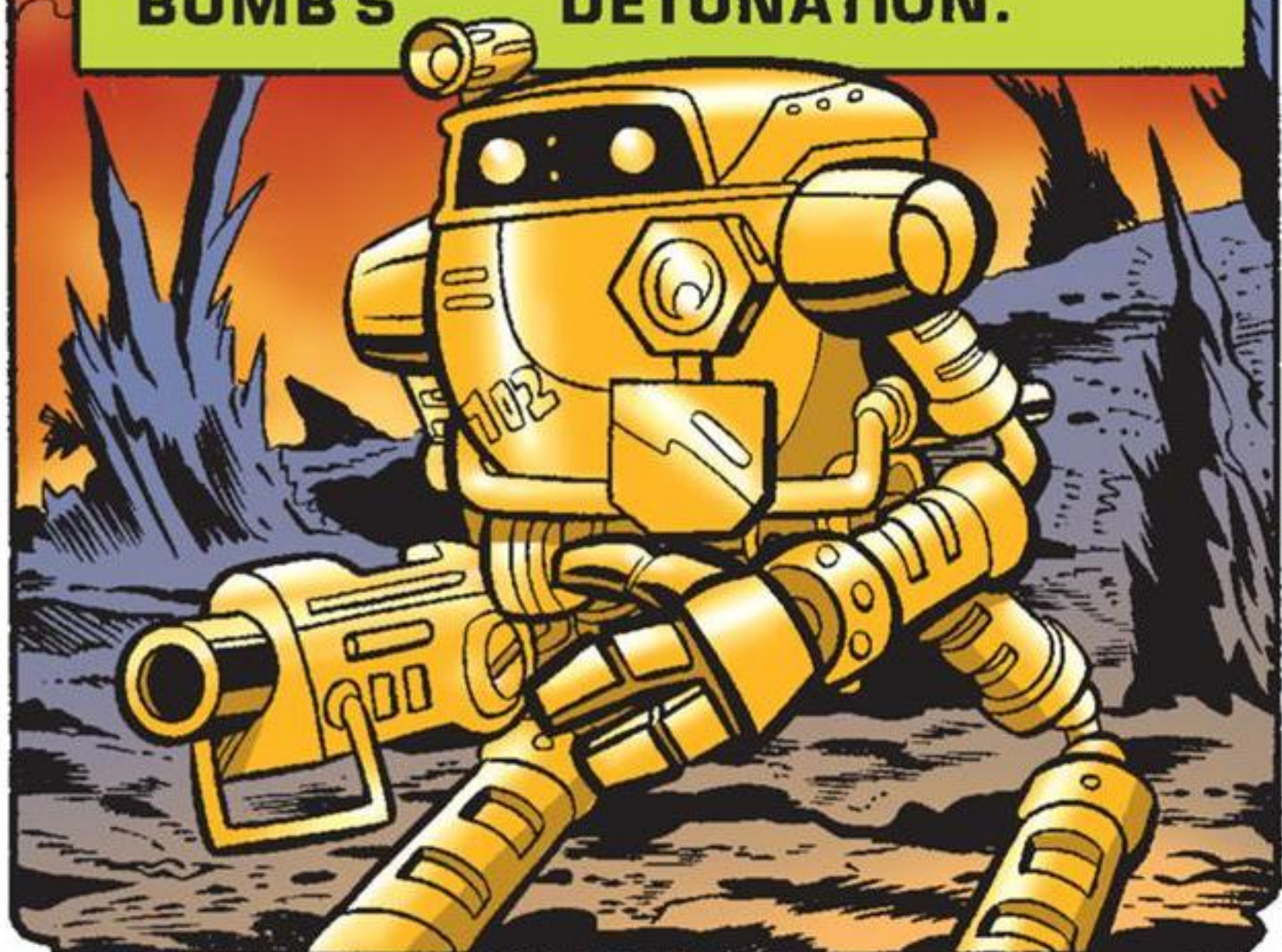


RIGHT NOW, ROTOR AND THE GALS ARE TAKING QUITE A HAMMERING--

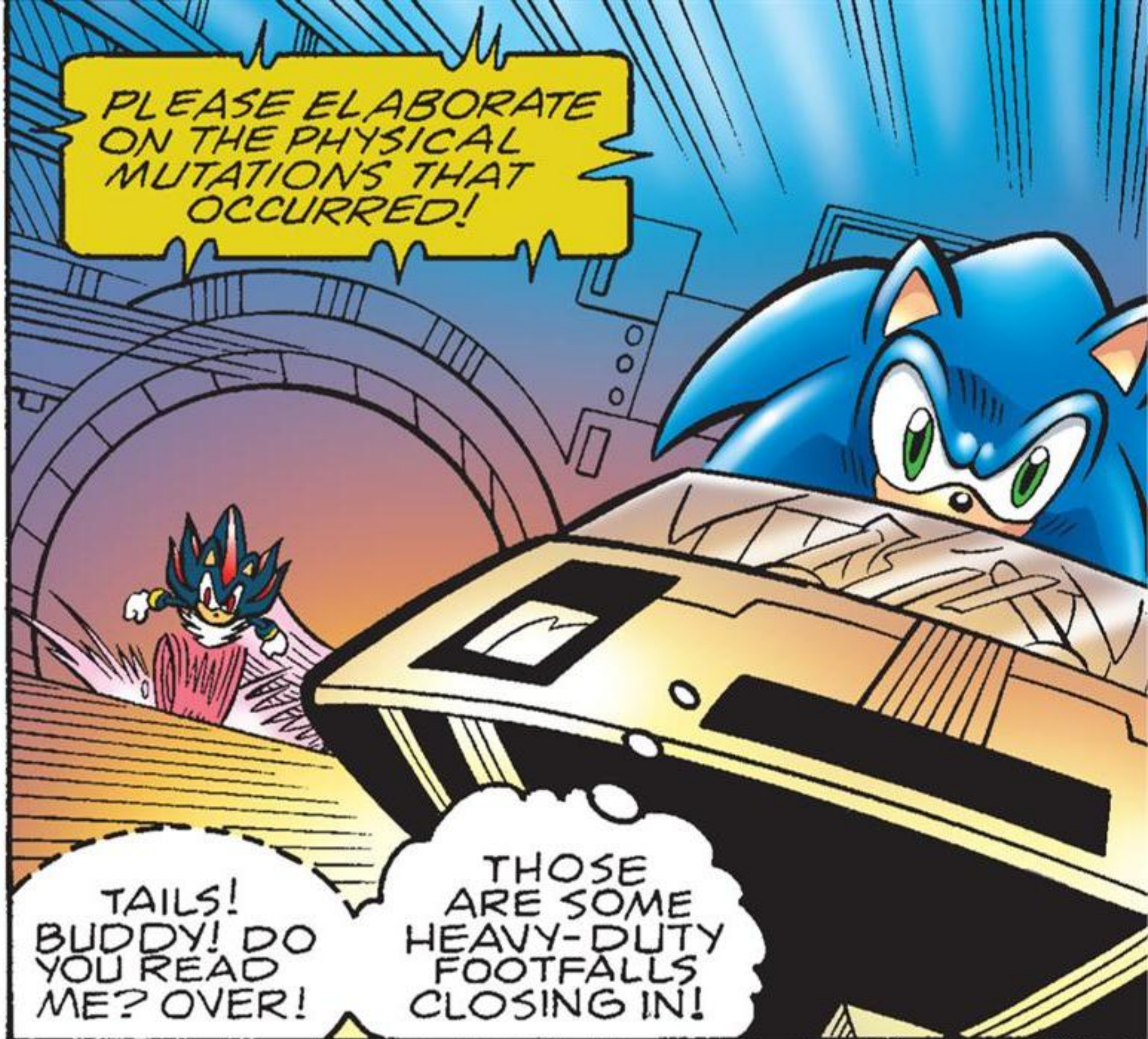




FOR SEVERAL DECADES AFTER-
WARD, MY PRIMARY TASKS
INCLUDED MONITORING HIS LIFE
CELL CHAMBER AS WELL AS THE
PHYSICAL ALTERATIONS THAT
BEFELL THE PLANET UPON THE
BOMB'S DETONATION.



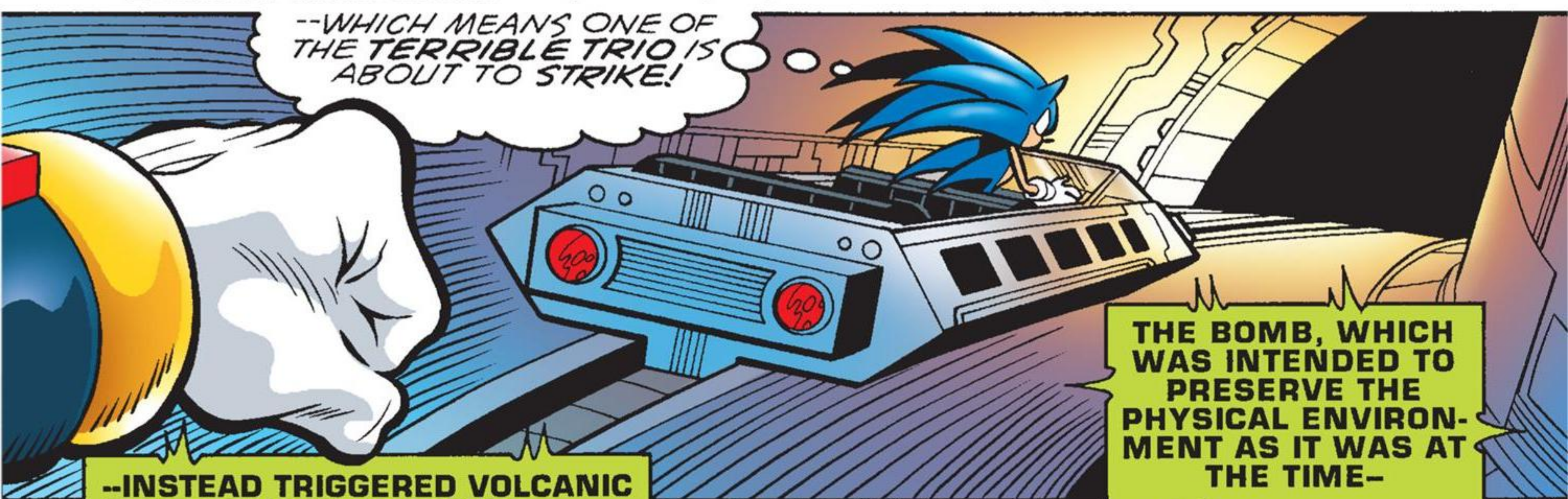
PLEASE ELABORATE
ON THE PHYSICAL
MUTATIONS THAT
OCCURRED!



TAILS!
BUDDY! DO
YOU READ
ME? OVER!

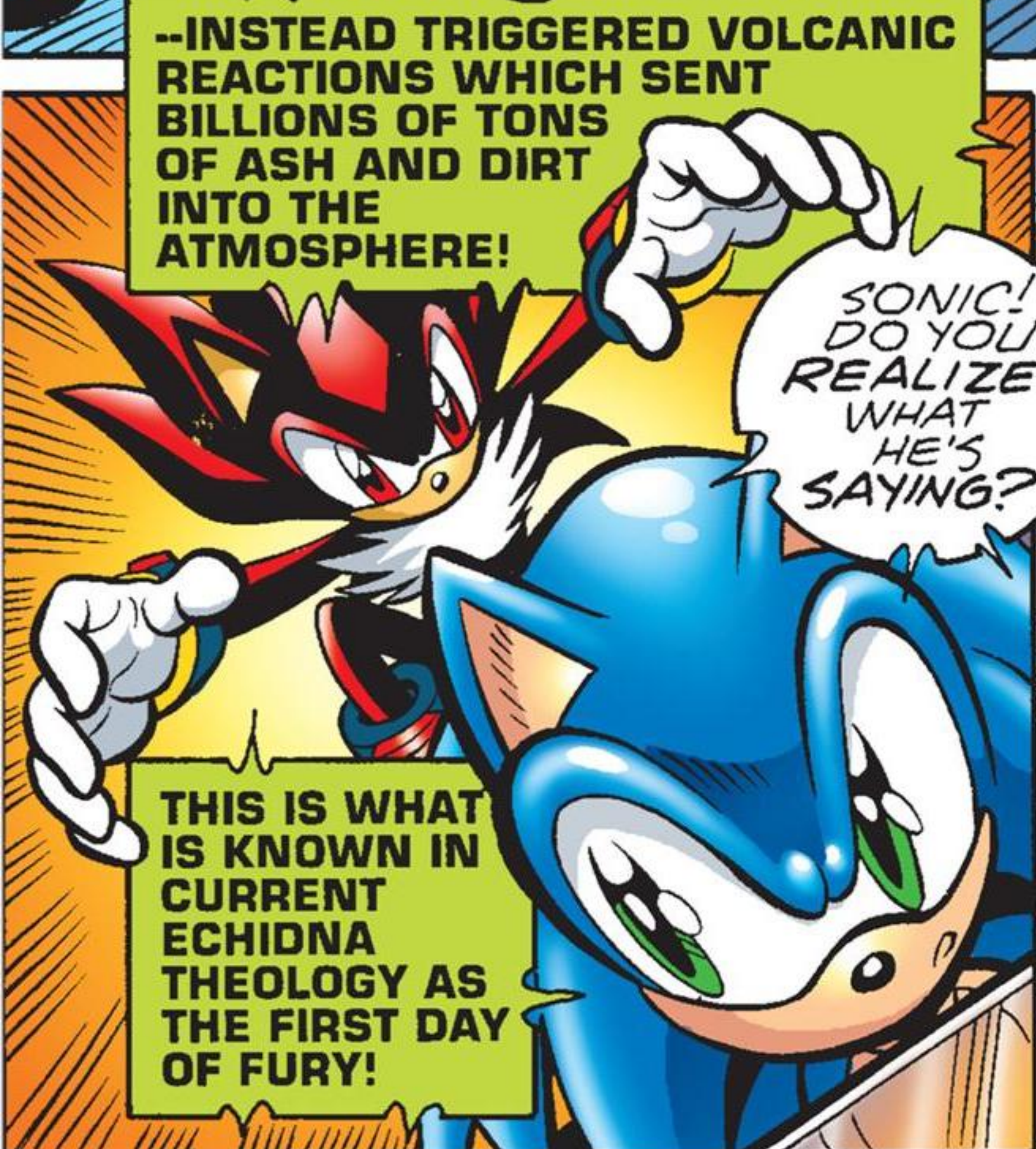
THOSE
ARE SOME
HEAVY-DUTY
FOOTFALLS
CLOSING IN!

--WHICH MEANS ONE OF
THE TERRIBLE TRIO IS
ABOUT TO STRIKE!



THE BOMB, WHICH
WAS INTENDED TO
PRESERVE THE
PHYSICAL ENVIRON-
MENT AS IT WAS AT
THE TIME--

--INSTEAD TRIGGERED VOLCANIC
REACTIONS WHICH SENT
BILLIONS OF TONS
OF ASH AND DIRT
INTO THE
ATMOSPHERE!



SONIC!
DO YOU
REALIZE
WHAT
HE'S
SAYING?

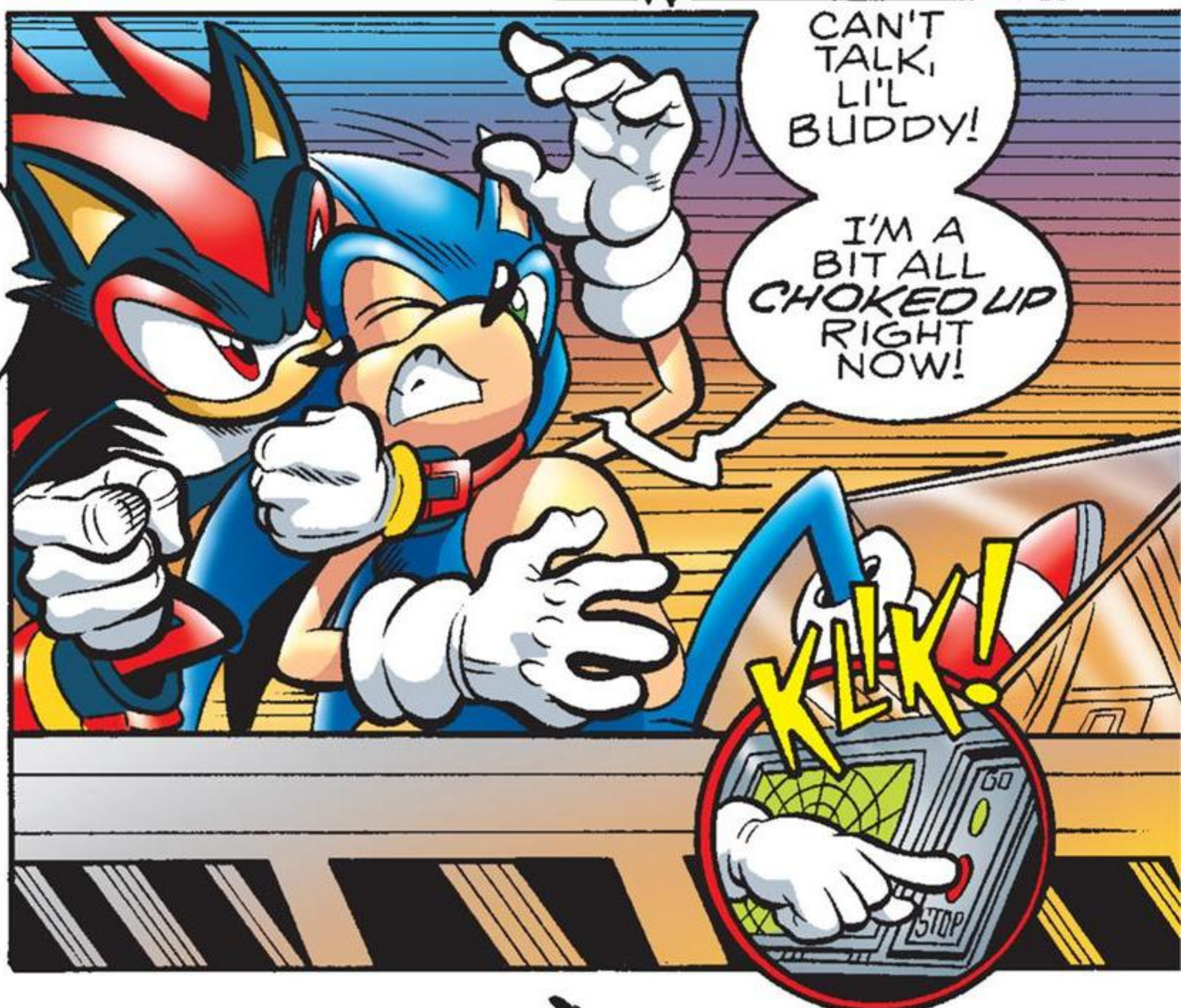
THIS IS WHAT
IS KNOWN IN
CURRENT
ECHIDNA
THEOLOGY AS
THE FIRST DAY
OF FURY!

--AND
I NEED A
BRAKE!

UNHAPPY
LANDINGS, YOU
SECOND-RATE
WANNA-BE!

CAN'T
TALK,
LI'L
BUDDY!

I'M A
BIT ALL
CHOKED UP
RIGHT
NOW!



KLIK!



IN ADDITION, BESIDES TRIGGERING THE DEVOLUTION OF HOMO SAPIENS, THE BOMB ACCELERATED THE EVOLUTION OF WHAT WAS ONCE REFERRED TO AS THE ANIMAL KINGDOM.

THIS PROCESS LASTED FOR WELL OVER A THOUSAND YEARS UNTIL THE SUN FINALLY BURNED THROUGH THE LAST OF THE ASH AND DIRT IN THE ATMOSPHERE.*

*AS RE-COUNTED IN TAILS #3.

WHUUMPH!

IT WAS AT THIS JUNCTURE, DURING ONE OF HIS INFREQUENT FORAYS FROM THE LIFE CELL CHAMBER, THAT KINTOBOR ADDED HISTORICAL EVENTS TO THE LIST OF SCIENTIFIC DATA I WAS TO COLLECT.

GOTTA TURN THE VOLUME DOWN BEFORE SHAD GETS A FIX ON ME!

WHY-OH-WHY DOES TAILS THINK WE NEED A HISTORY LESSON NOW, OF ALL TIMES?

AS VARIOUS SOCIETIES BEGAN TO EMERGE AND DEVELOP, A SECOND CATAclysm ERUPTED BENEATH THE PLANET'S SURFACE-

LEVEL 3 F

SONIC! SHADOW'S GETTING UP!

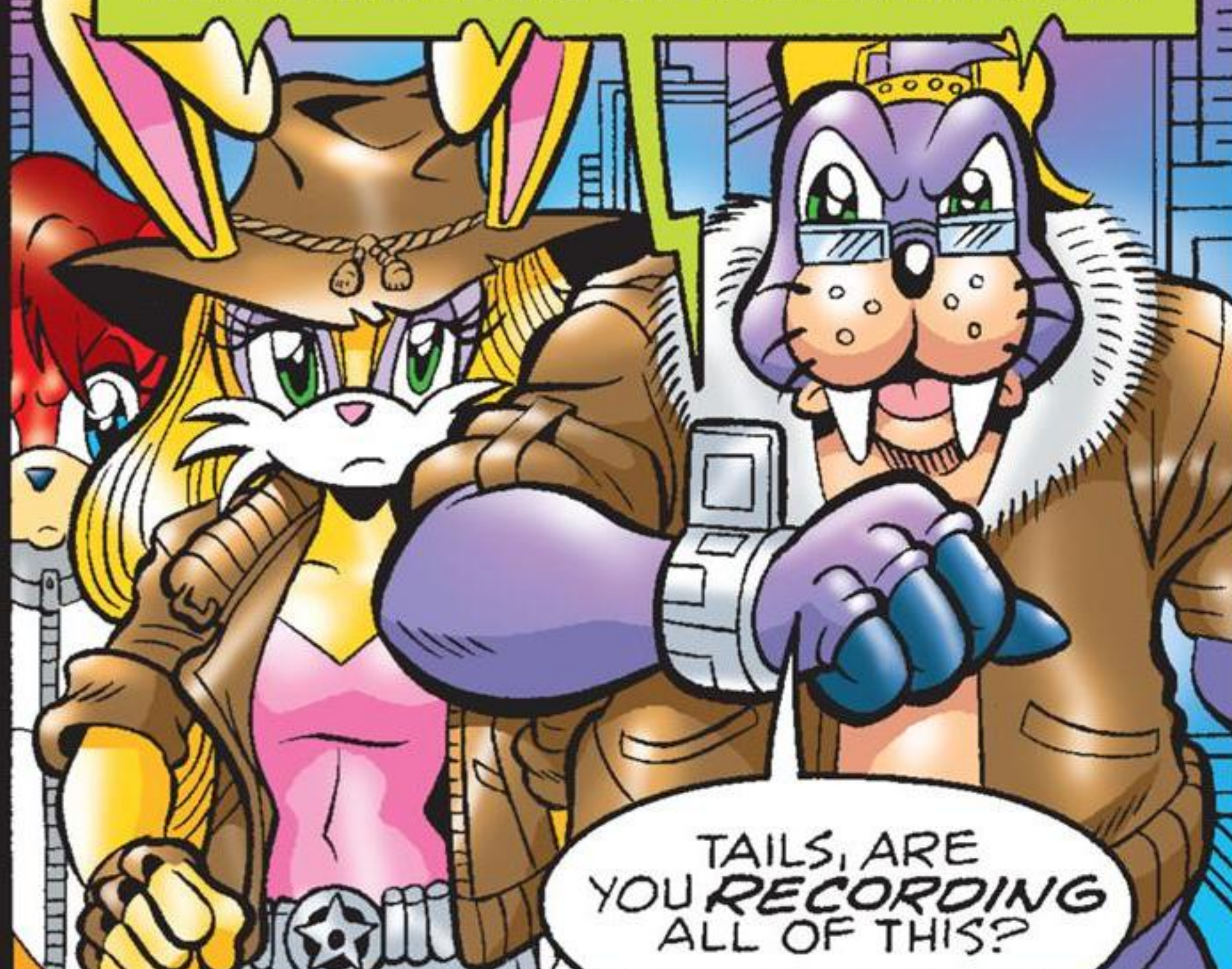
--AND HE'S HEADING YOUR WAY!

-AS THE BERYL DEPOSITS REACTED TO THE ENERGY OF THE GENE BOMB AS IT WAS ABSORBED OVER TIME

SONIC!!!

HE'S-- HE'S NOT THERE!

AS EMERALDS ARE CRYSTALS OF THE MINERAL BERYL, THE CONDITIONS WERE PERFECT FOR THE CREATION OF THE POWER SOURCE NOW DESIGNATED AS CHAOS EMERALDS.



TAILS, ARE YOU RECORDING ALL OF THIS?

GOOD QUESTION! THERE ARE A NUMBER OF RECORDERS CONNECTED TO THE SYSTEM--

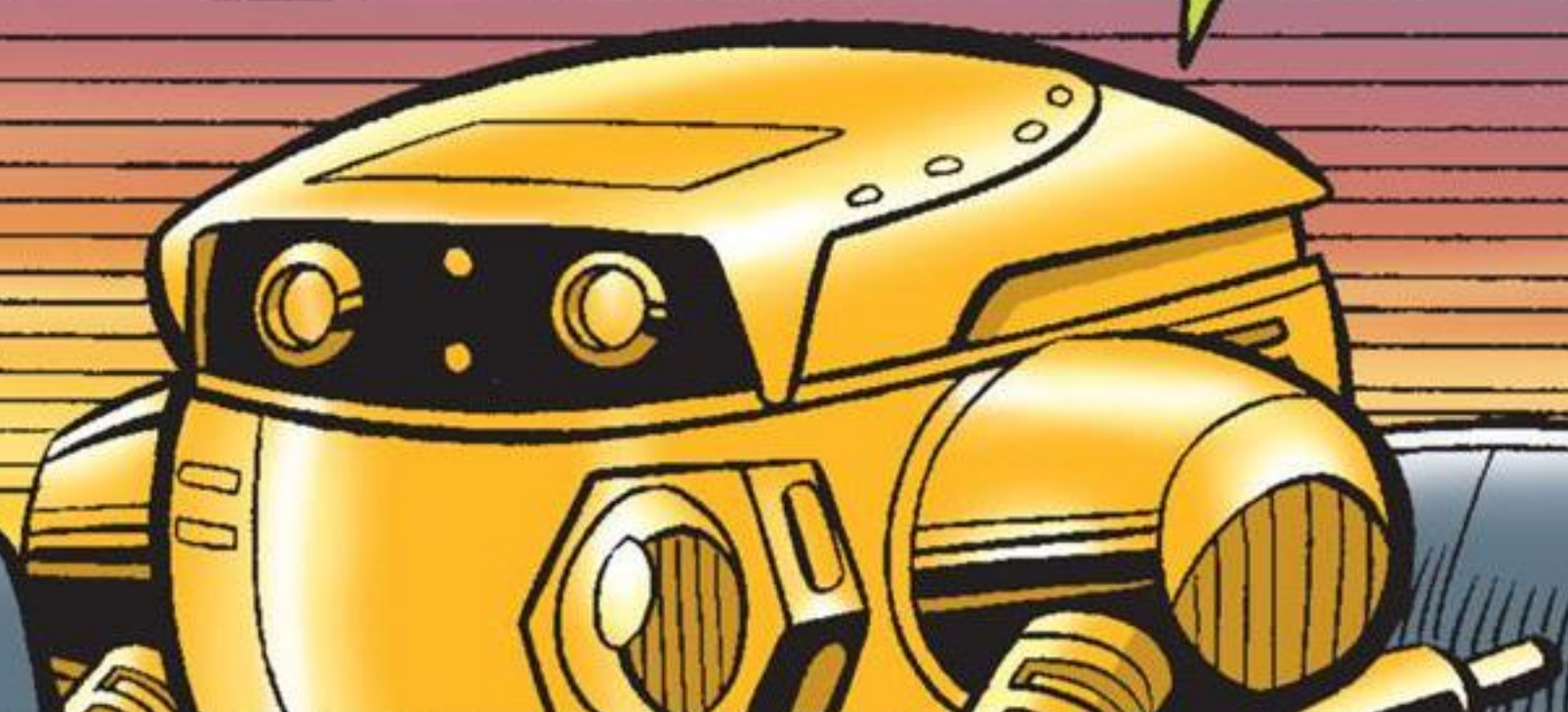
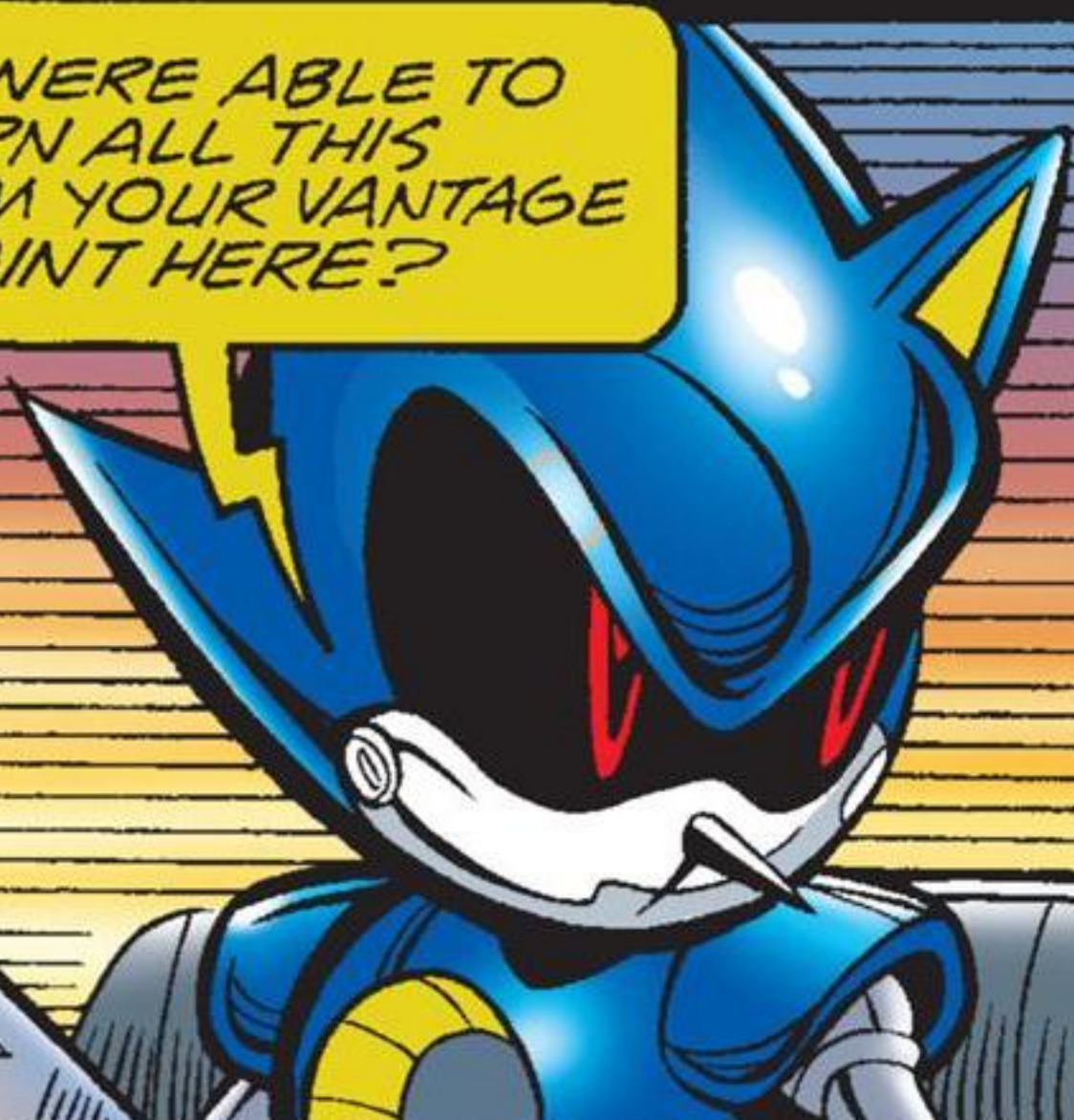
--BUT WHAT ABOUT SONIC?

HE AND SHADOW ARE ABOUT TO SQUARE OFF!



YOU WERE ABLE TO LEARN ALL THIS FROM YOUR VANTAGE POINT HERE?

AT VARIOUS TIMES, I WAS PROGRAMMED TO VENTURE FORTH AND COLLECT DATA.



I RECORDED THE FIRST CONQUEST BY THE CREATURE KNOWN AS MAMMOTH MOGUL TEN MILLENNIA AGO--

--TO SAY NOTHING OF ATTENDING THE CORONATION OF THE FIRST KING TO SIT ON THE THRONE OF ACORN!

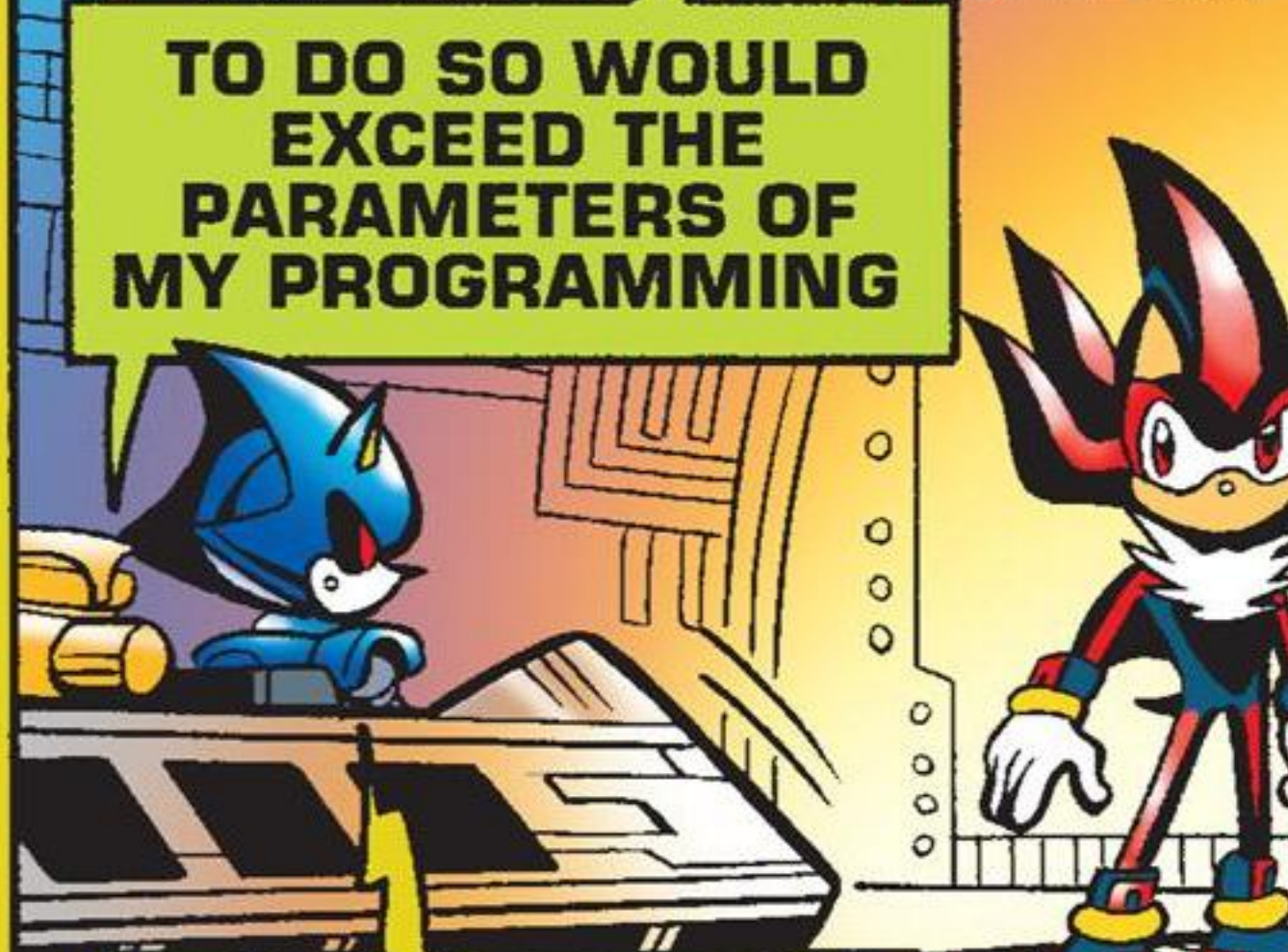
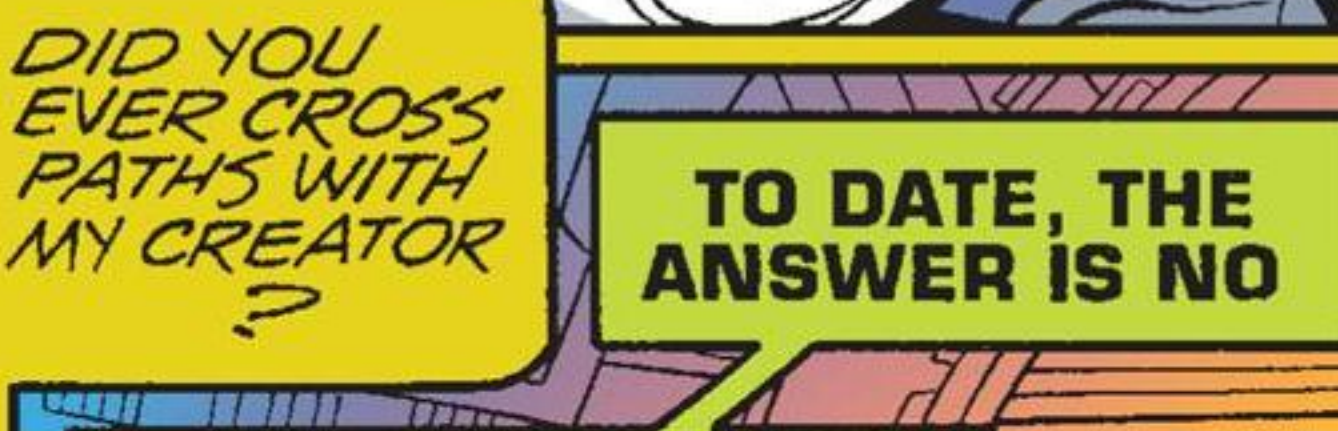
DID YOU EVER CROSS PATHS WITH MY CREATOR?

TO DATE, THE ANSWER IS NO

TO DO SO WOULD EXCEED THE PARAMETERS OF MY PROGRAMMING

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE HEDGEHOG, SHADOW?

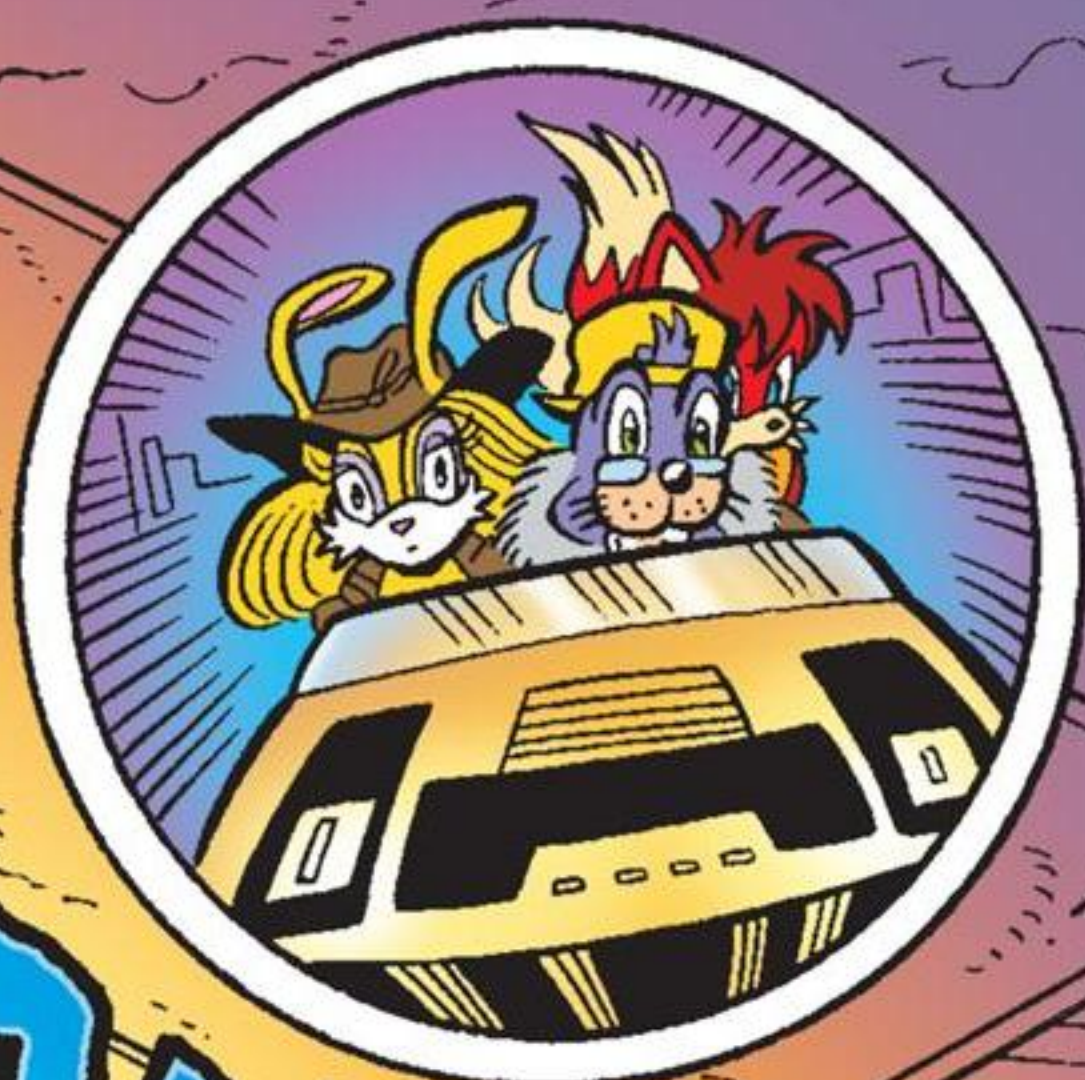
--AS WELL AS THE BEGINNINGS OF ECHIDNA CIVILIZATION--



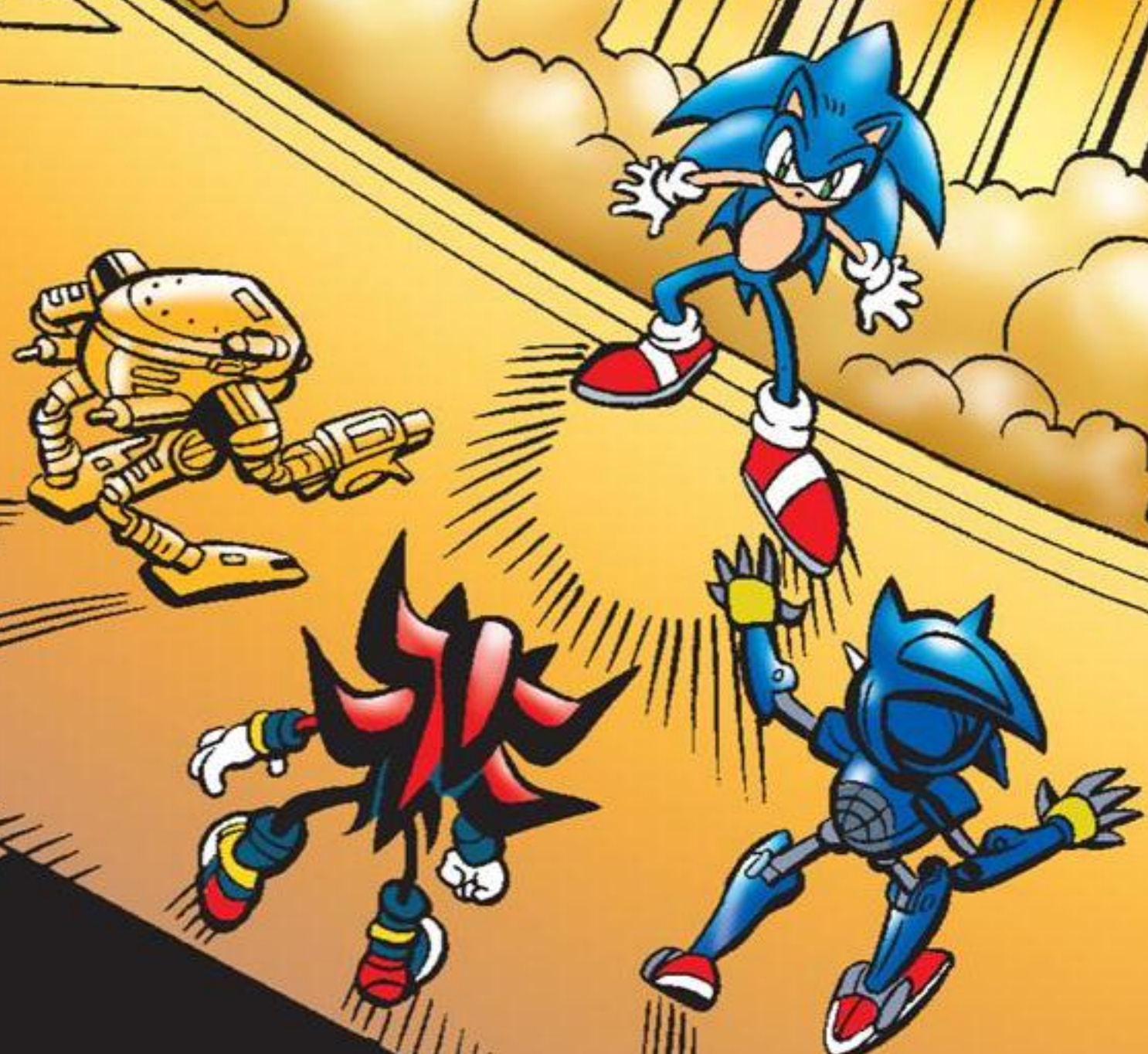




--YOU'VE
STUMBLLED
ONTO THE
MOST FATAL
SECRET
OF ALL.



RRUUMMBLL



THE COUNTDOWN IS NOW ON FOR...

ARMAGEDDON!

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

"PLAYING AROUND"

STARRING

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

HOW COME
ROBOTNIK
HAS NEVER
FOUND
THIS PLACE?

BECAUSE THEN WE
WOULDN'T HAVE
A STORY, SILLY!

HURRY, CHILDREN!
LET'S FIND
OUR SEATS!

I'M GONNA SIT
RIGHT UP FRONT!

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SINCE WE'RE EARLY
WE CAN SIT IN
THE FIRST RO...

OH, GOOD EVENING
YOUR HIGHNESS!

PRINCESS, IF YOU'RE
HERE, WHO IS GOING
TO BE YOU UP THERE?

HEH! HEH!
I GUESS
WE'LL JUST
HAVE TO
WAIT AND SEE.

THE SHOW BEGINS...

HI KIDS!
SONIC AND I, ALONG
WITH THE REST OF
THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS
ARE REALLY EXCITED
ABOUT PUTTING THIS
SHOW ON FOR YOU!

THIS STORY IS
ABOUT THE TIME
THE PRINCESS WAS
CAPTURED
AND ALMOST...

Robotized!!

YA KNOW, HEDGEHOG,
YOU'RE REAL LUCKY
THIS IS FOR THE KIDS!
OTHERWISE, I'D
CLOBBER YOU!

GOSH, I CAN'T
BELIEVE I DIDN'T
EVEN GET THE PART
TO PLAY *MYSELF*!

Castle Acorn...

PRINCESS, I AM
GEOFFREY ST. JOHN
REPORTING TO YOU
THAT THE EVIL
DR. ROBOTNIK HAS
ATTACKED THE CASTLE
AND WILL BE HERE SOON!
OH, NO! RUN! RUN AWAY!

I MUST CALL UNCLE CHUCK!
ONLY HE CAN FIND THAT LOUSY...
I MEAN... ONLY HE CAN
FIND SONIC!

I MUST USE NICOLE,
MY TRUSTY SUPER-COMPUTER!

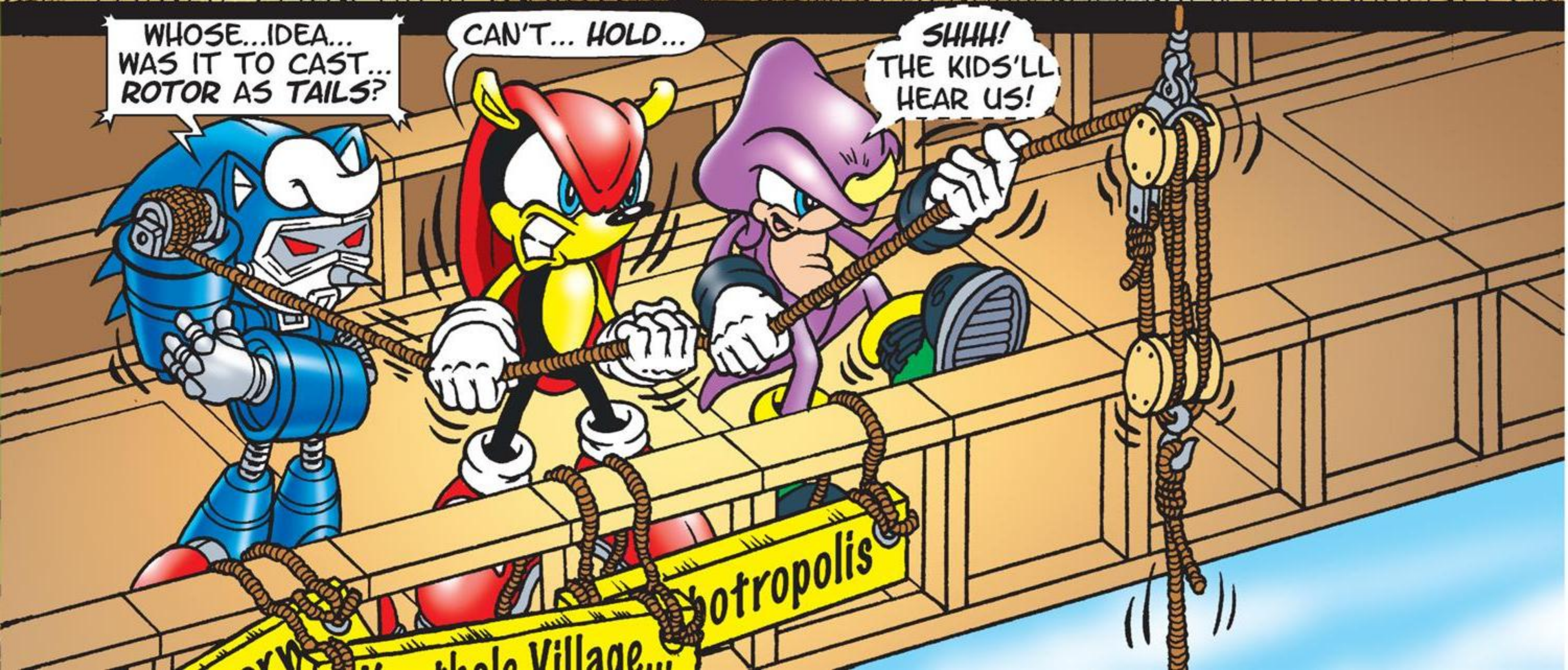
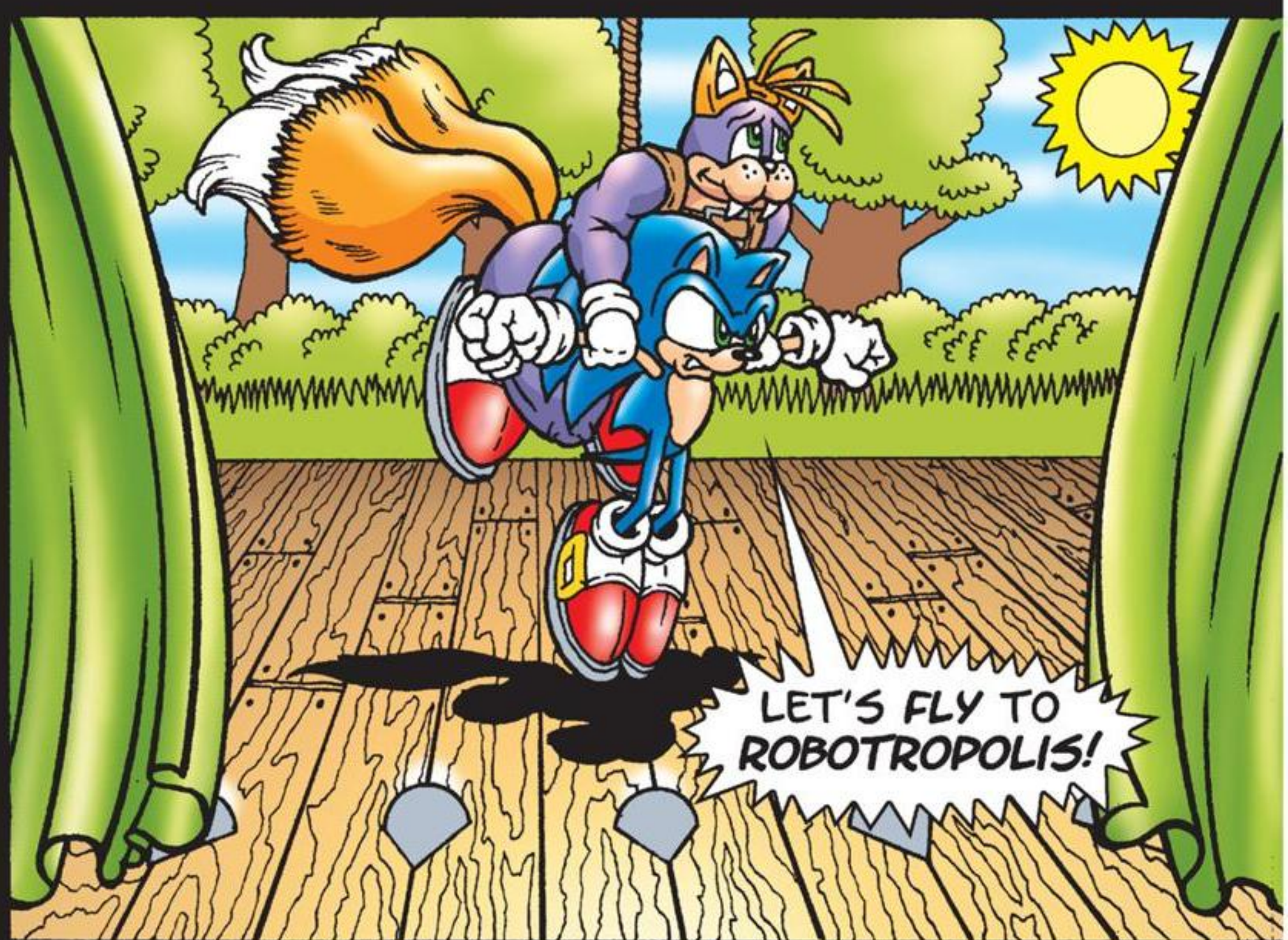
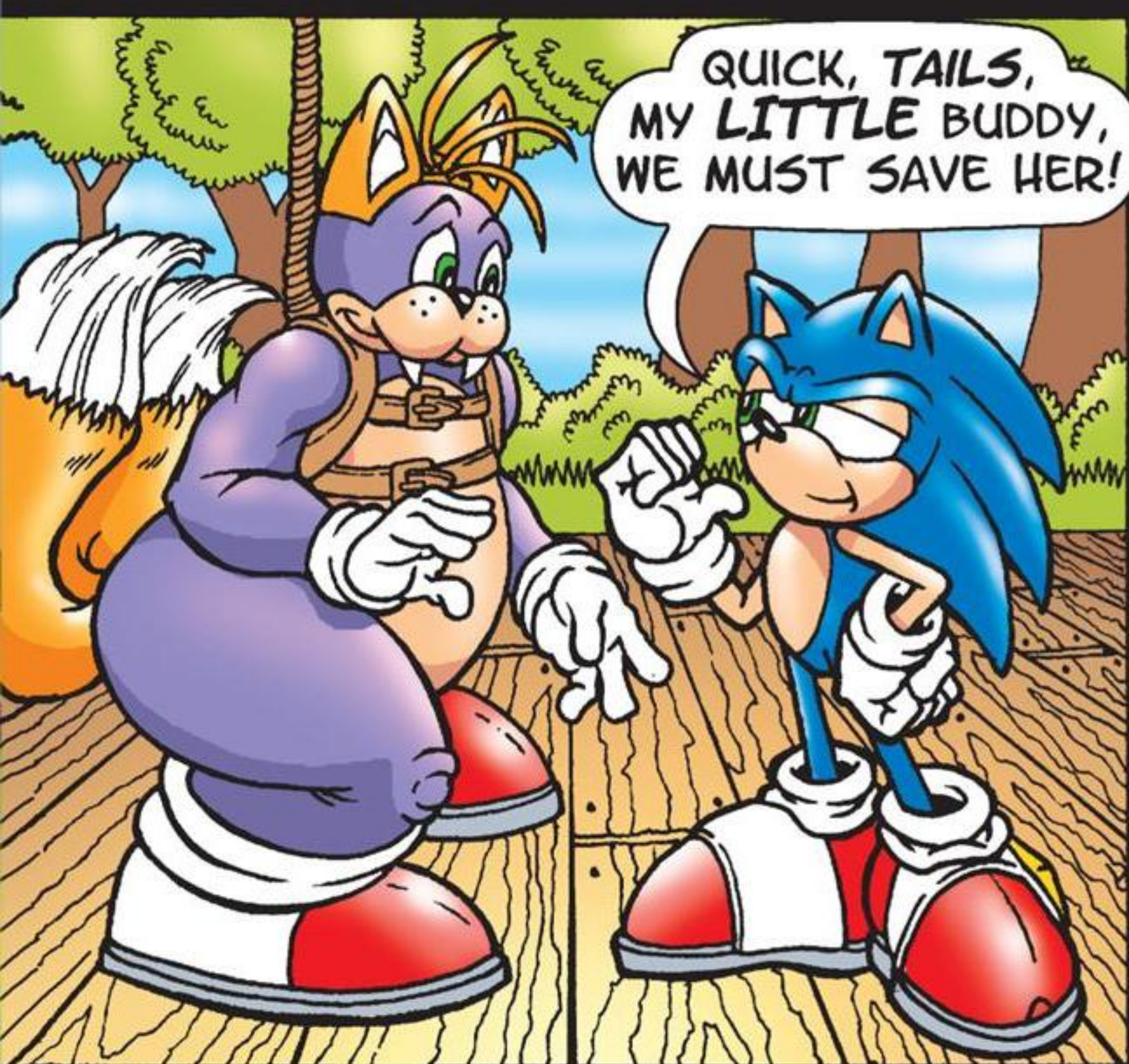
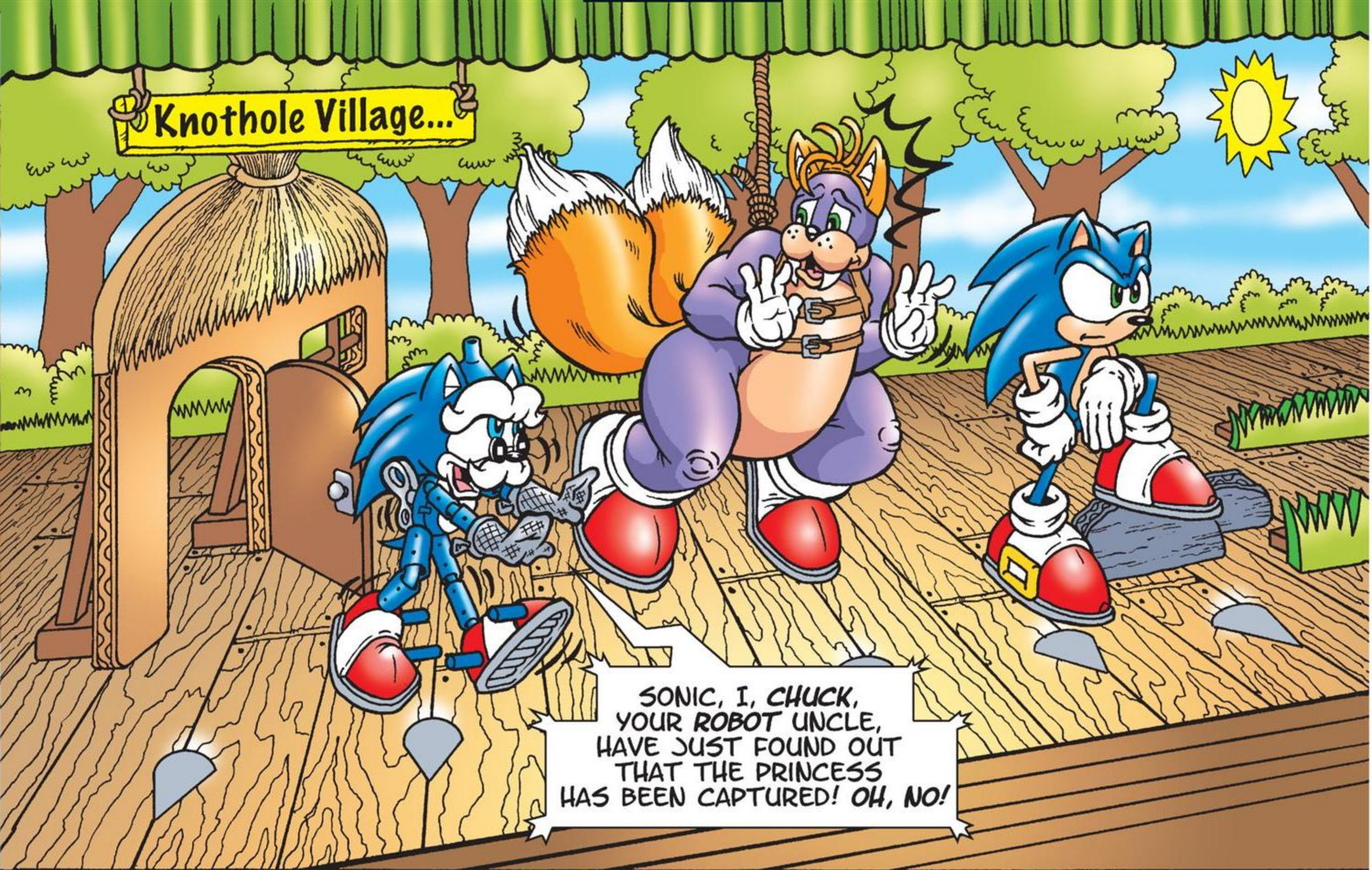
HELP US
UNCLE CHUCK,
YOU'RE OUR
ONLY HOPE!

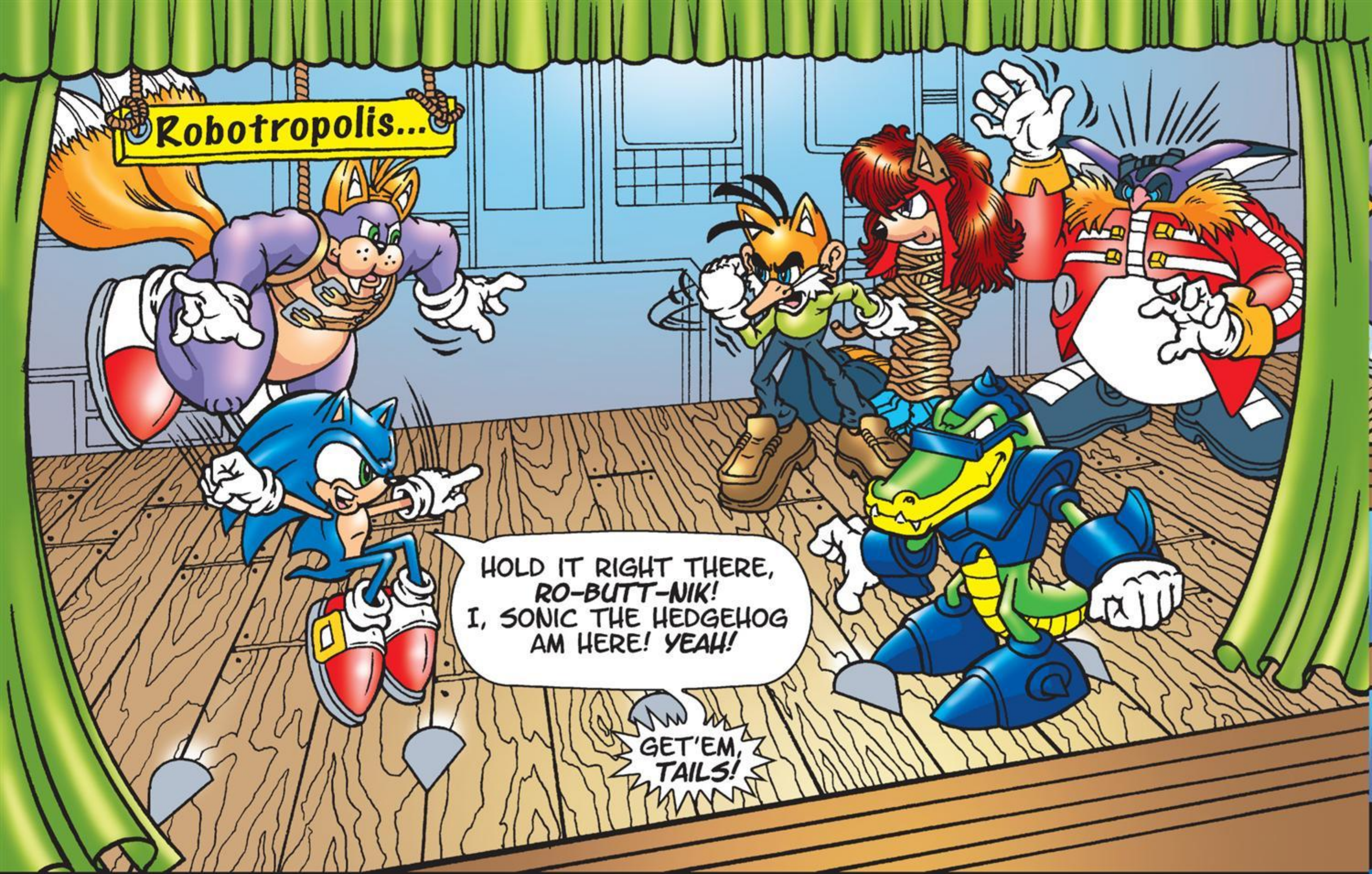
HA HA HA!
I AM THE EVIL
DR. ROBOTNIK
HERE TO CAPTURE
THE PRINCESS!
HA HA HA!

GET THEM,
SNIVELY,
MY EVIL SIDEKICK!

Castle Acorn...

HA HA HA!
BACK TO MY LAIR
WHERE WE WILL
ROBOTOCIZE HER!
HA HA HA!







TAILS DESTINY'S CHILD

LET'S
SEE-- SONIC GOT
HIS PARENTS
BACK!

AND
SALLY DID,
TOO.

AND MINA'S
MOM EVEN
RETURNED!

SO
HOW COME
MY PARENTS
CAN'T COME
BACK?

IT JUST
ISN'T
FAIR!

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I MEAN--
WHAT DO THE
BEMS STILL NEED
THEM FOR?

AND
HOW COME
NOBODY TALKS
ABOUT BRINGING
THEM HOME?

ISN'T
THAT **MORE**
IMPORTANT
THAN FIGHTING
ROBOTNIK OR
ANYTHING ELSE
WE DO AROUND
HERE?

TO
EVERYTHING
THERE IS
A SEASON,
DOUBLE
TAIL--



--AND THE
HOUR OF THE CHOSEN
ONE IS RAPIDLY DRAWING
NEAR!

DOUBLE
TAIL?

CHOSEN
ONE?

THAT
CAN ONLY
BE--

--ATHAIR!!
KNUCKLES'
GREAT-GRAND-
FATHER!

AHH! YOU
REMEMBER!

VAGUELY!

I'M
STILL NOT
SURE IF IT WAS
REAL OR A
DREAM!

JUST LIKE
NOW-- WHERE'S
THE REST OF
YOU?

THIS IS
ALL YOU
NEED--

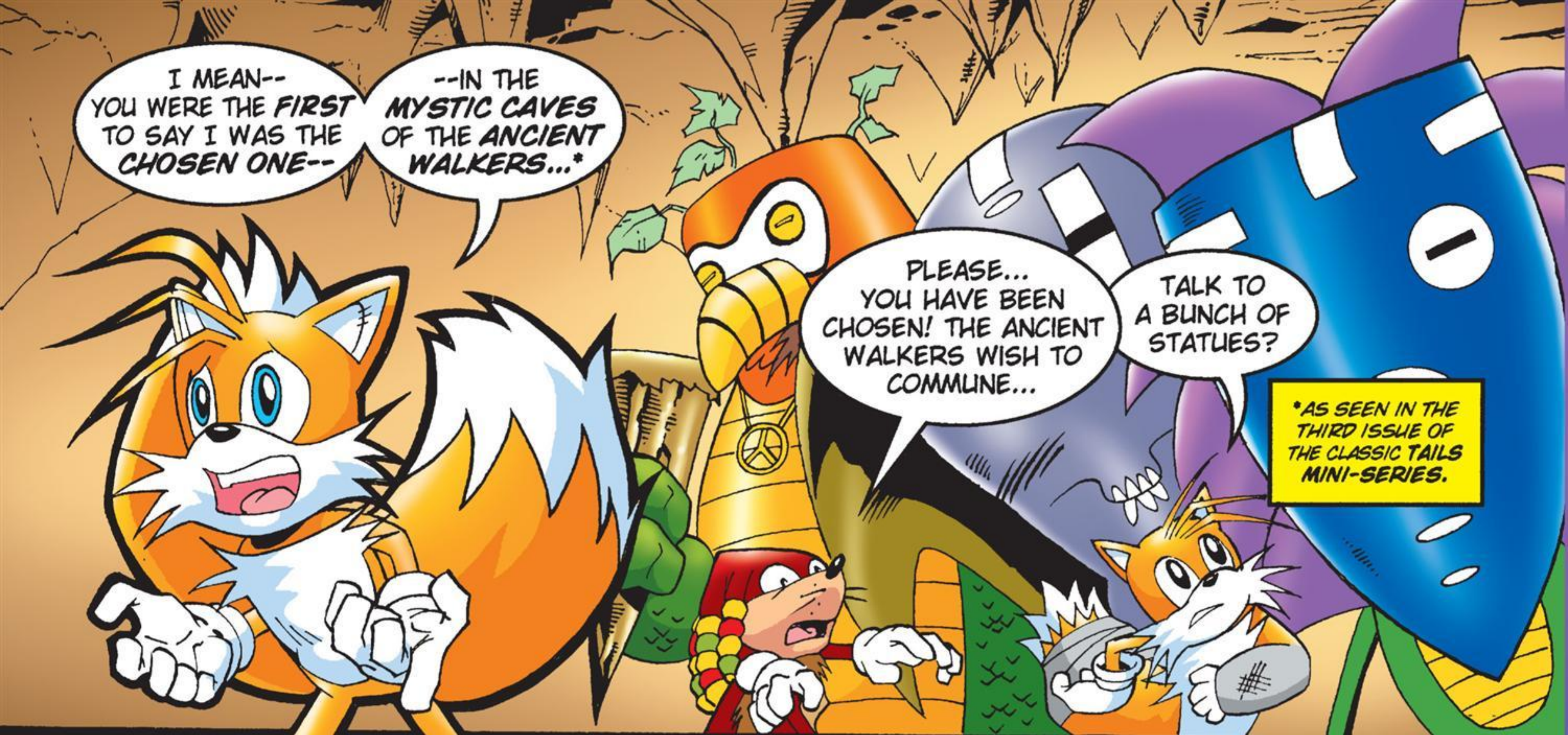
--AS I
EXIST IN A ZONE FAR
BEYOND YOUR
COMPREHENSION!

LIKE
EVERY-
THING
ELSE
THESE
DAYS!

OH, REALLY? WHAT IS
THERE YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND?

LIKE THIS
CHOSEN ONE
JAZZ!

CAN YOU
EVEN GIVE ME
ONE CLUE WHAT
THAT'S ALL
ABOUT?!



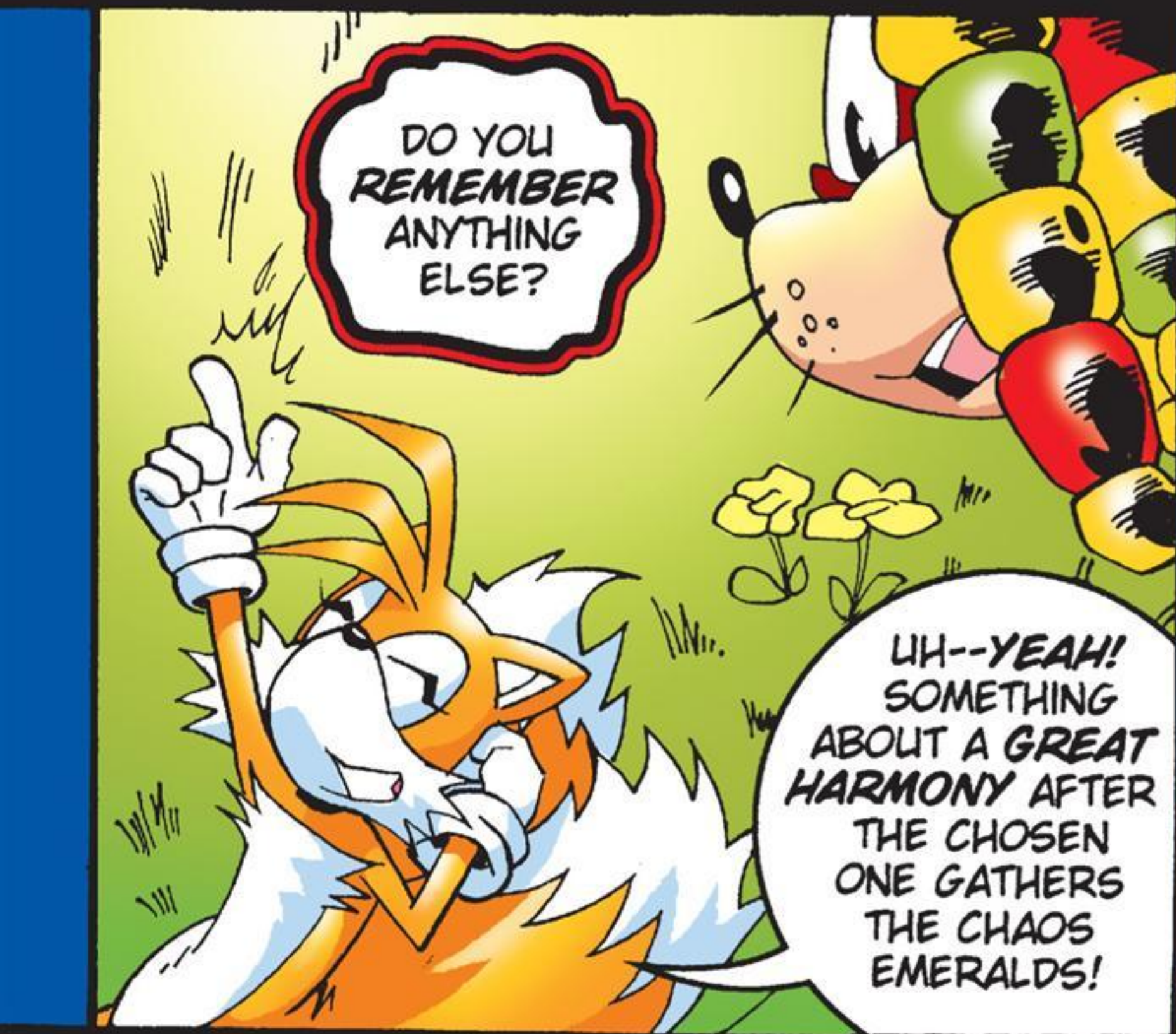
I MEAN--
YOU WERE THE **FIRST**
TO SAY I WAS THE
CHOSEN ONE--

--IN THE
MYSTIC CAVES
OF THE **ANCIENT**
WALKERS...*

PLEASE...
YOU HAVE BEEN
CHOSEN! THE **ANCIENT**
WALKERS WISH TO
COMMUNE...

TALK TO
A BUNCH OF
STATUES?

*AS SEEN IN THE
THIRD ISSUE OF
THE **CLASSIC TAILS**
MINI-SERIES.



DO YOU
REMEMBER
ANYTHING
ELSE?

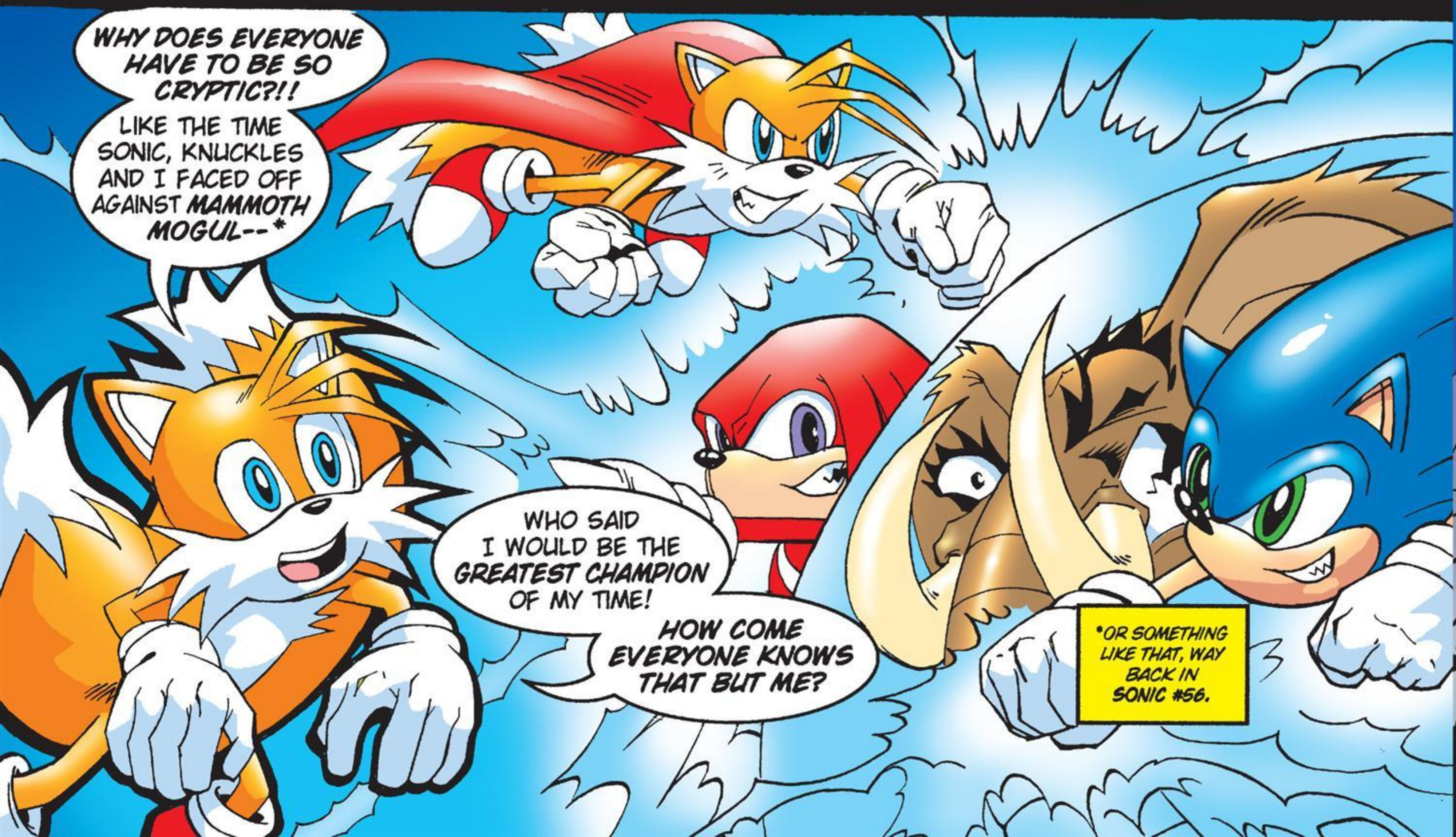
UH--**YEAH!**
SOMETHING
ABOUT A **GREAT**
HARMONY AFTER
THE **CHOSEN**
ONE GATHERS
THE **CHAOS**
EMERALDS!



DID THAT
MAKE ANY
SENSE?!

EVERY
SYLLABLE!

BUT
IT IS **NOT** I
WHO NEEDS TO
COMPREHEND ITS
MEANING!



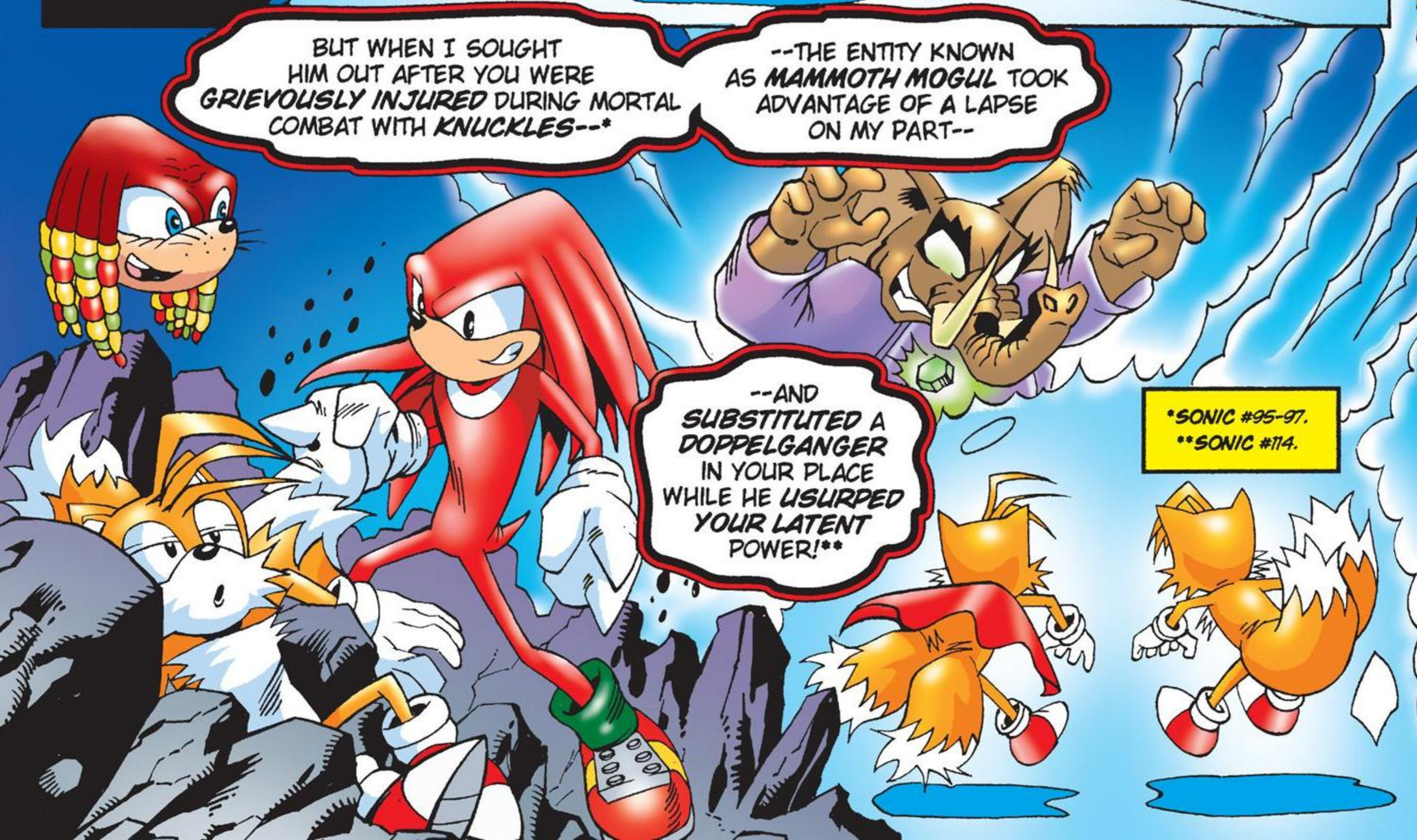
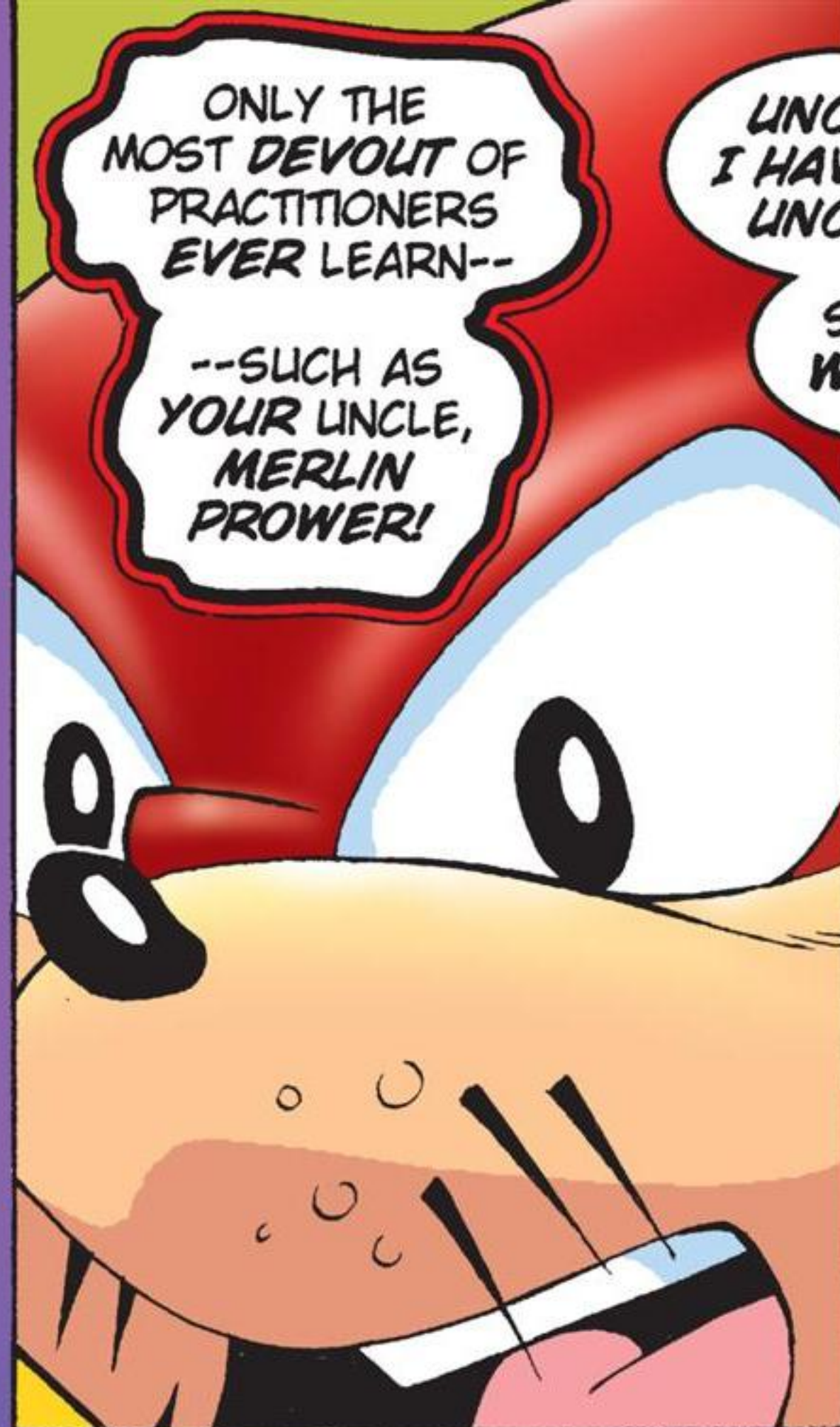
WHY DOES EVERYONE
HAVE TO BE SO
CRYPTIC?!!

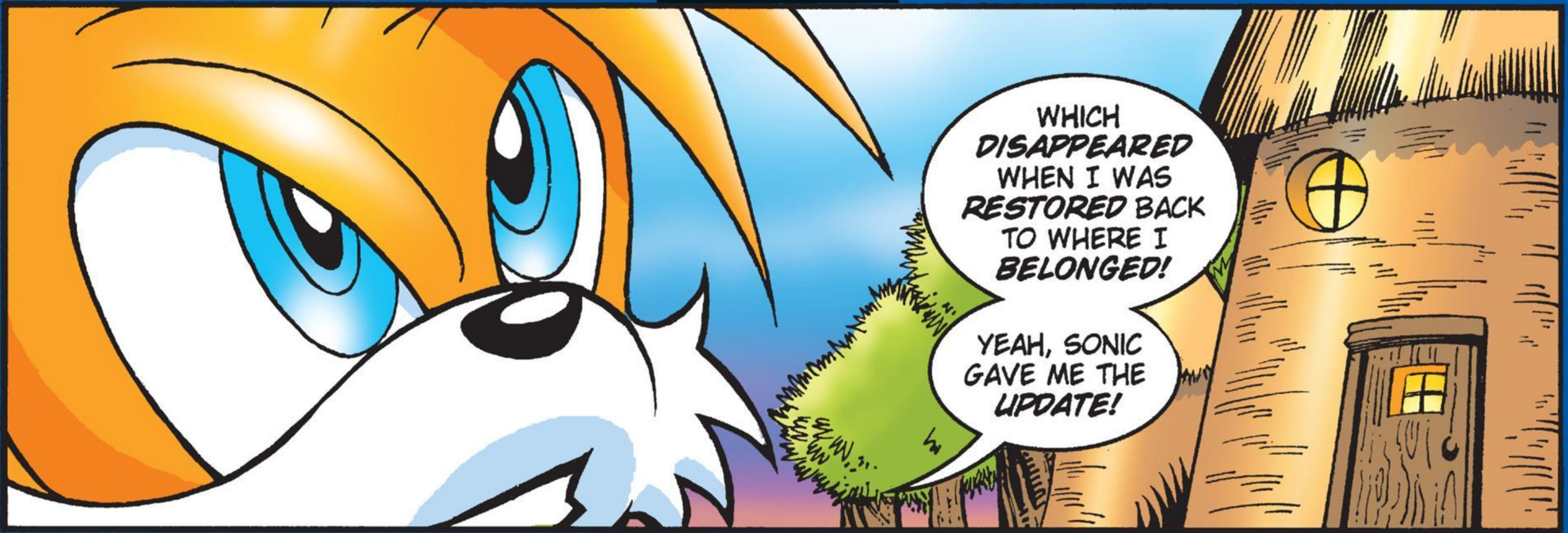
LIKE THE TIME
SONIC, KNUCKLES
AND I FACED OFF
AGAINST **MAMMOTH**
MOGUL--*

WHO SAID
I WOULD BE THE
GREATEST CHAMPION
OF MY TIME!

HOW COME
EVERYONE KNOWS
THAT BUT ME?

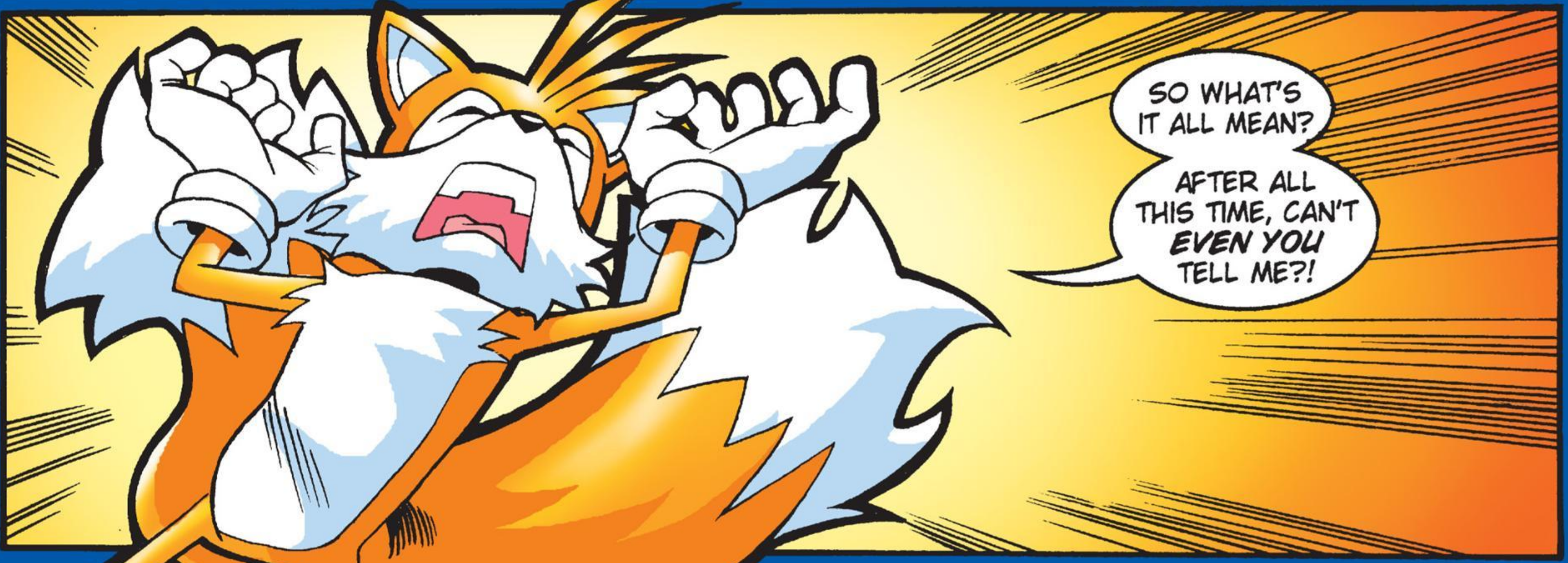
*OR SOMETHING
LIKE THAT, WAY
BACK IN
SONIC #56.





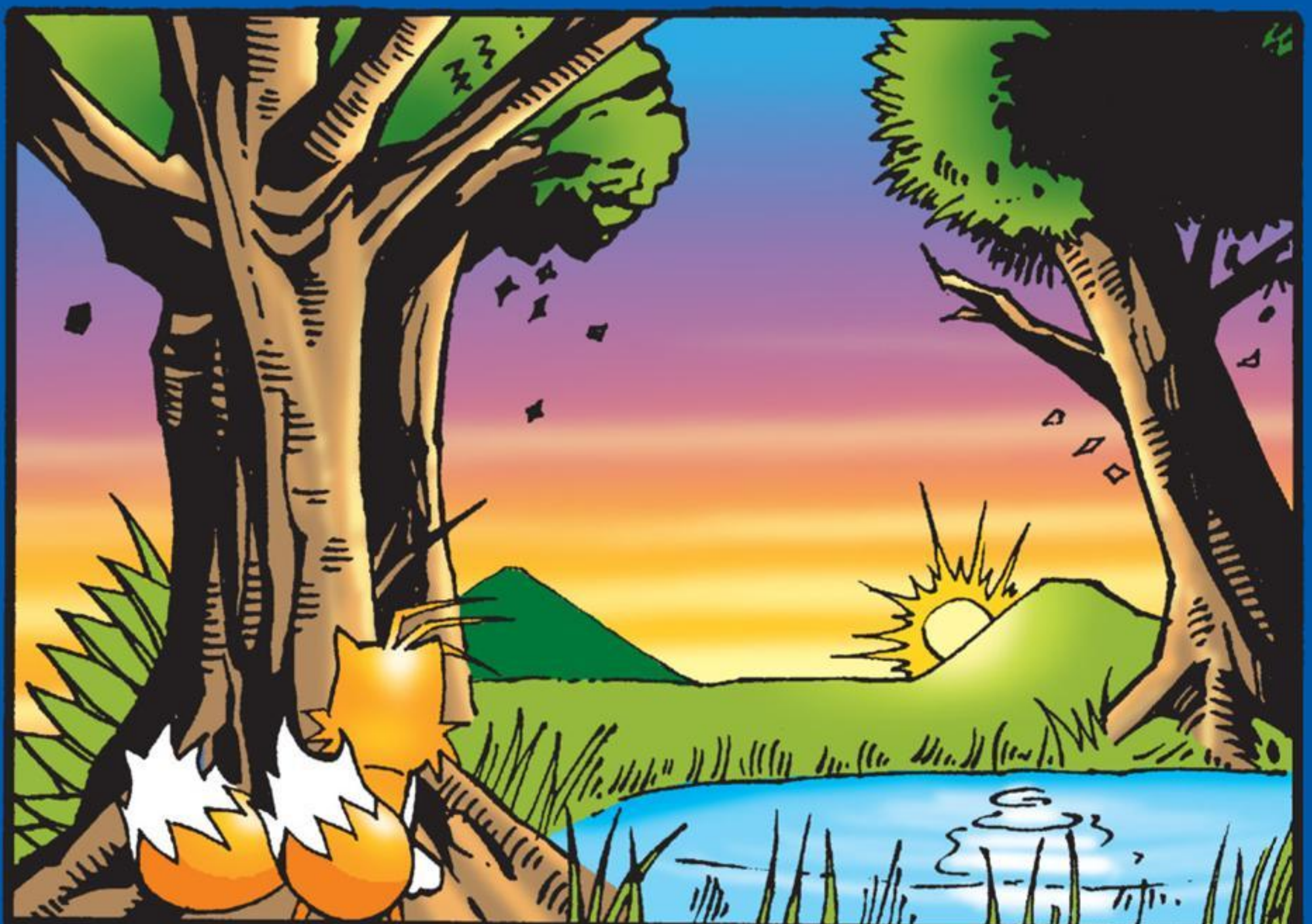
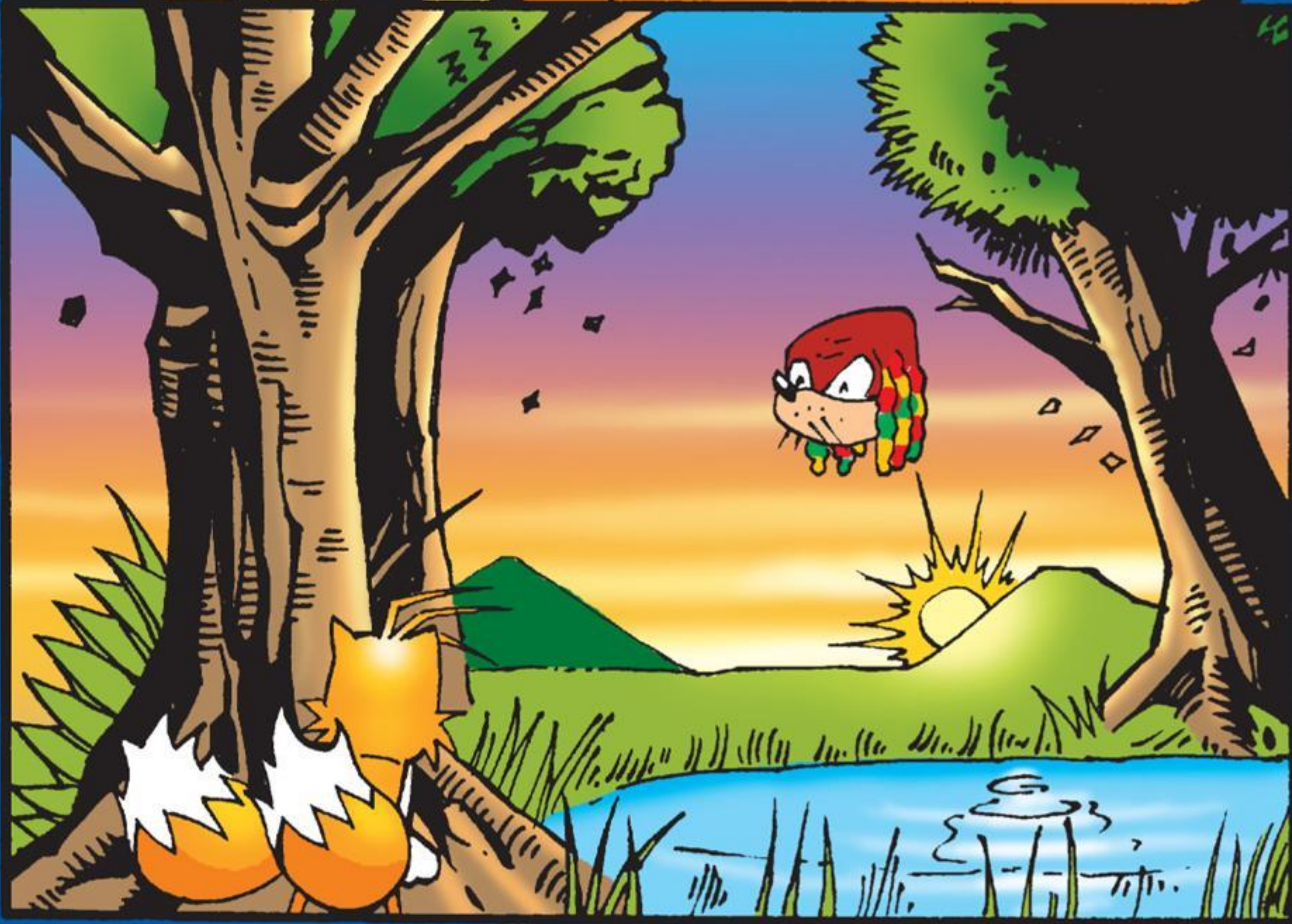
WHICH
DISAPPEARED
WHEN I WAS
RESTORED BACK
TO WHERE I
BELONGED!

YEAH, SONIC
GAVE ME THE
UPDATE!



SO WHAT'S
IT ALL MEAN?

AFTER ALL
THIS TIME, CAN'T
EVEN YOU
TELL ME?!



JUST LIKE
THAT HE'S
GONE!

WHY SHOULD
HE TREAT ME ANY
DIFFERENT FROM THE
OTHERS ANYWAY?



BE PATIENT
JUST A LITTLE
WHILE LONGER,
DOUBLE TAIL--

--FOR THE HOUR OF THE CHOSEN
ONE IS NOW AT HAND!

AND IS IT EVER! GET READY
FOR ALL THE ANSWERS IN
**THE
CHOSEN
ONE!**